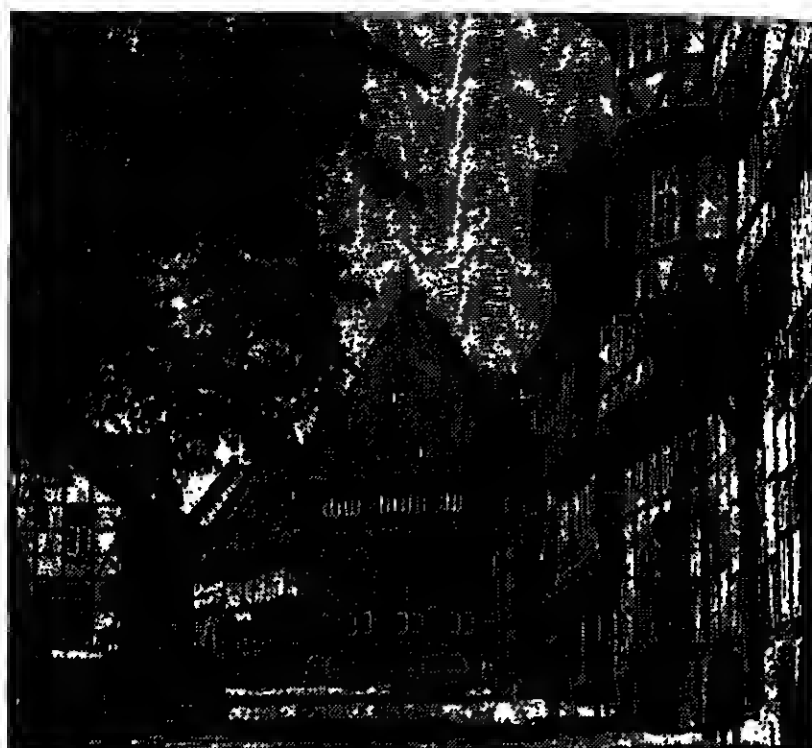
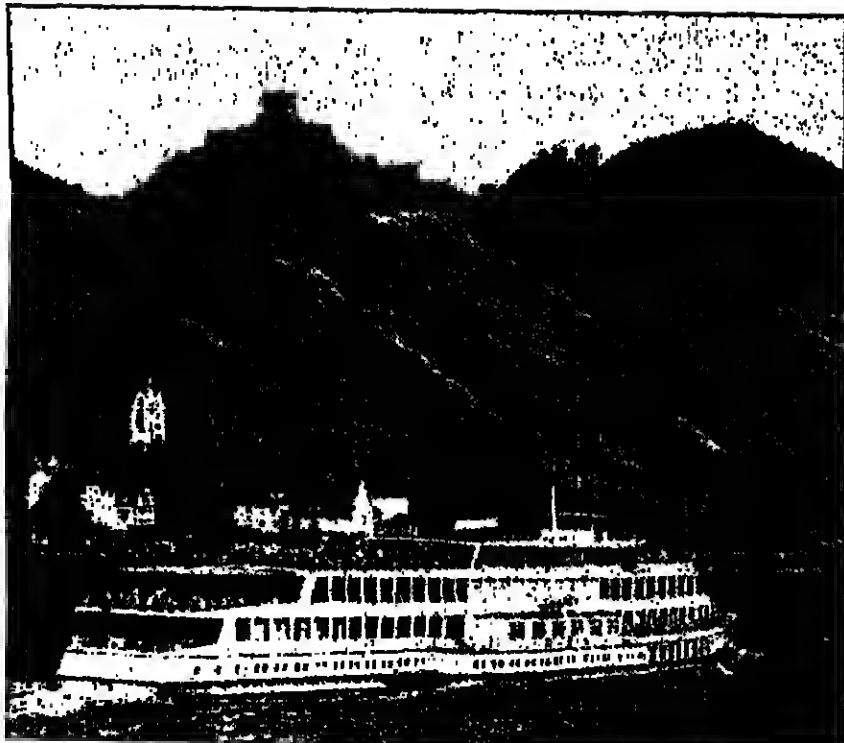


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Helsinki security conference — a hope for the future

In a fine and thoughtful address to the security conference in Helsinki French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert wondered what he would say to "a child, my son, all your sons" was the significance of the conference, in comprehensible terms and all honesty.

His own answer was that it represented a hope. At another point in the speech his deep-seated scepticism resurfaced: "What is this conference? A trial without a future? A practical test of detente?"

We cannot tell. Even now the gathering of Foreign Ministers has come to a close the conference cannot be said to have represented more than an *essai*, a hope.

A degree of optimism is warranted as regards its further prospects. This confidence can be based, for instance, on the final recommendations of the preliminary conference in which the Free World managed to secure a number of concessions from the Soviet Union.

At Helsinki Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko went back on not a single one of these concessions, yet at the same time his comments made it apparent how measure the foundations are on which the compromise of the final recommendations are based.

On a number of issues, such as the principles of security in Europe, the

undermine the status quo in Europe, came to the fore.

Nothing is more important for the Soviet Union than the principle that frontiers are inviolable, which on its terms means much the same as unchangeable. The Kremlin is still trying to retort the security conference into a full-scale peace conference that will provide international legal confirmation of its empire in Eastern Europe.

The West cannot, however, countenance a formula precluding the possibility of peaceful frontier changes. Any such idea is particularly objectionable for this country and Mr Gromyko will hardly have been surprised when his Bonn counterpart Walter Scheel made this even clearer than US Secretary of State Rogers had done.

The security conference can be no substitute for a peace conference as long as a just peace remains impossible in Europe. It can, on the other hand, serve to alleviate an unjust peace resulting from the war and the post-war era and to boost the policy of detente pursued as the great powers come to terms.

In this context there arises the issue of the Brezhnev Doctrine of the limited sovereignty of socialist states. The West must try at all costs to avoid recognising this doctrine in any way. In this it has so far been successful.

Even the Soviet draft for the catalogue of principles of coexistence has been based to such an extent on international law and the UN Charter that it hardly accommodates the Brezhnev Doctrine.

As the Soviet Union would have it the Brezhnev Doctrine does not in any case exist. The invasion of Czechoslovakia was officially the result of a plea for assistance from a friendly government.

Discussion of the Brezhnev Doctrine harks back to the past and ignores the



The Danish Ambassador, K.B. Anderson (left) gave a reception at the Danish Embassy in Helsinki for foreign ministers attending the European Security Conference. Among his guests were Otto Winzer (center) GDR Foreign Minister, and Walter Scheel (right) Federal Republic Foreign Minister.

Walter Scheel to visit Budapest and Sofia

DIE WELT

Bonn Foreign Minister Walter Scheel is to visit Budapest and Sofia for the forthcoming establishment of diplomatic ties with Hungary and Bulgaria.

Dates have not yet been settled, but will doubtless take into account the forging of full diplomatic links between this country and Czechoslovakia.

Bonn and Prague are expected to formalise relations during Chancellor Brandt's visit to the Czech capital in the first half of September.

Albania will then be the sole communist country in Europe with which Bonn has no ties. As yet no approaches have been made by either side regarding links with Tirana.

The Foreign Office is maintaining strict silence about Herr Scheel's projected tour of South-East Europe, but it is understood that the Minister took the opportunity presented by the Helsinki conference of European Foreign Ministers to arrange dates and details of the establishment of diplomatic ties with Hungary and Bulgaria.

He will first confer with the Hungarian Foreign Minister, then with his Bulgarian counterpart, and announce respective intentions to forge diplomatic links while still in the Finnish capital for the European security conference. Ties will formally be established in, say, late August.

Hungary and Bulgaria have for months been impatiently awaiting the signing of the Bonn-Prague agreement on which they have made moves on their own part dependent. This being the case, appoint-

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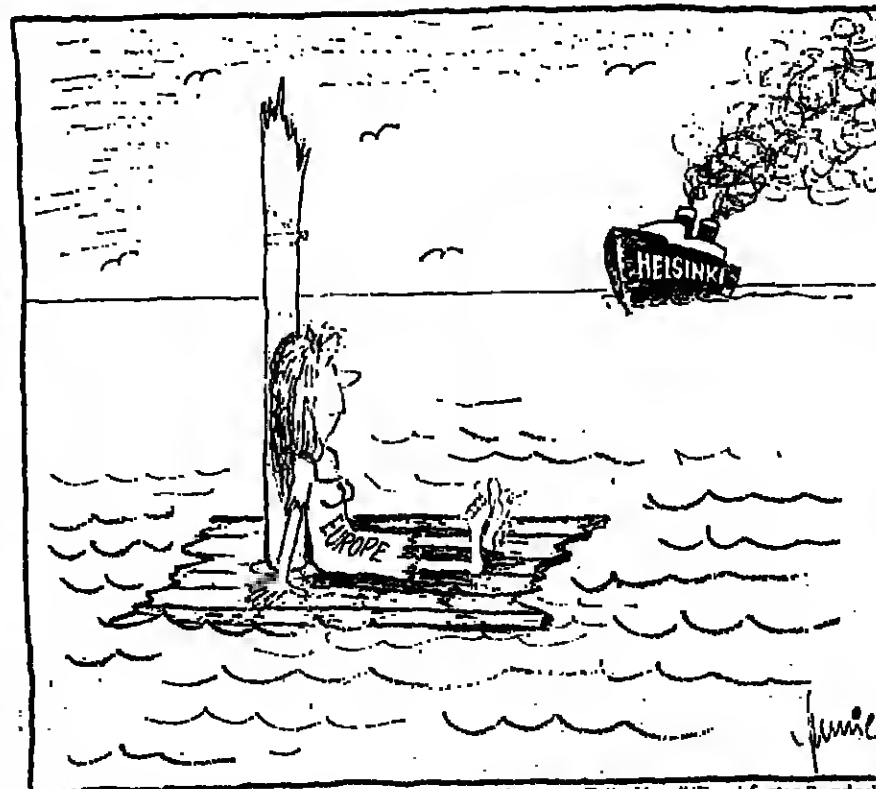
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Interpretation of precise details may well get the cut among the pigeons; on others, such as individual contacts, the preliminary agreement amounts to no more than that the Soviet Union is prepared to consider certain issues.

Bargaining over the precise details of all these compromises will thus not begin until the second stage of the conference in Geneva when the commissions set up by the Foreign Ministers start to draft their recommendations and draw up the final resolutions.

It was only to be expected that Mr Gromyko would try to prejudice the outcome of the final resolutions in Helsinki. In the process the original Soviet interest in the conference, that of nipping in the bud all attempts to



(Cartoon: Felix Mussel/Frankfurter Rundschau)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

US-USSR nuclear agreement worries Nato partners

The San Clemente shock of the solemn undertaking between President Nixon and Soviet leader Brezhnev to avoid a nuclear confrontation at all costs has given rise to renewed discussion of the European deterrent project. The indications are that America, with its commitments to come to the aid of fellow-members of Nato scaled down by the agreement with Moscow, is prepared to promote the development of an independent European deterrent. On his recent visit to the United States French Foreign Minister Michel Jobart is said to have been offered the use of US fast installations for France's *force de frappe*. Washington is also rumoured to be prepared to interpret the MacMahon Act forbidding the proliferation of nuclear data more liberally in respect of the United Kingdom. At this juncture it was learnt in London that Bonn, for reasons that have yet to be elucidated, has raised objections to a conceivable merger of the British and French nuclear resources. In the following article Hermann Bohle reviews the changes that have arisen from the viewpoint of Nato's Eurogroup in the light of Washington's new nuclear strategy.

Fourteen European ambassadors at Nato headquarters in Brussels will not forget 22 June for some time. You could have heard a pin drop as the head of the US mission rattled through the text of the Nixon-Brezhnev agreement on the prevention of nuclear warfare.

The atmosphere was chilly as he spoke and his words came so fast that it proved almost impossible to take notes. Six hours later the American and Soviet leaders signed the agreement in Washington. It is obvious from the wording of the agreement that it had been prepared with close attention to detail, yet America's Nato allies were given no advance notice whatsoever.

Not a fortnight beforehand, on Whit Saturday, Nato Secretary-General Joseph Luns of Holland had held talks in Paris with "our dear Henry" - Dr Kissinger, the architect of US détente policy - without a mention being made of the forthcoming agreement.

In Brussels the silence of the grave was broken by the Norwegian ambassador, who announced that his country welcomed the agreement. His French counterpart noted less cordially that Paris had foreseen something of the sort for years.

It was, of course, gratifying that the Big Two had reached agreement in the interest of peace but it was, too, added, no more than a simple bilateral agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union. In other words, France was not going to submit to tutelage.

This country's ambassador was taken aback by the bombshell. His British opposite number observed that the wording of the treaty, applying as it does to force and the threat of force within an international framework only implied American acceptance of the Brezhnev doctrine regarding the limited sovereignty of socialist states.

In view of the vaguer nature of the nuclear protection afforded by the United States, the British ambassador continued, his country attached even greater importance to the need for a boost in conventional armament.

Bearing in mind the overwhelming superiority in troop strength and firepower and the unabated arms drive of the Eastern Bloc, the French ambassador voiced agreement.

Twilight of the Gods accurately

summarises the general sentiment in Brussels. The Americans sounded a note of embarrassment, explaining that their superiors, the State Department in Washington, were no longer completely in the picture because of the personal diplomacy conducted by President Nixon and his national security adviser Dr Kissinger.

US spokesmen hastened to emphasise that there was an attack to be made on Western Europe the United States would continue to stand by its treaty obligations.

This, of course, is the question as far as America's allies in Europe are concerned. Since 1966 of the latest it has been obvious that the extension of America's nuclear guarantee to encompass Western Europe constitutes a potentially suicidal risk for the United States.

Americans are only too happy to be reassured that we realise the President, elected by American voters as President of the United States, would do everything in his power in the event of a state of emergency to avoid nuclear intervention on Europe's behalf. But this, when all is said and done, reduces the value of the US nuclear commitment.

Mr Brezhnev may not be the man to make the move, but were he replaced overnight his successor might succumb to the temptation to weld Russia's military might in an attempt to blackmail Western Europe - or even to wage limited warfare by means of missiles launched by satellite.

This is the inference drawn by most Europeans at Nato headquarters in Brussels from the US-Soviet agreement. The facts have been apparent to all and sundry since 1966 but they are now in black and white, they add.

The situation may not, then, have changed in fact but the psychological crunch has certainly come as far as the joint defence of Western Europe is concerned.

Articles Four and Five of the agreement specify that the two powers urgently consult one another in the event of an emergency. Even when deteriorating relations between other countries (bearing in mind the alliance commitments of Russia and America) threaten to lead to nuclear engagement, the United States and the Soviet Union will first consult one another and then inform their allies of the outcome of the talks.

The Big Two's allies indeed only rank third on the list. By the terms of the treaty the chairman of the UN Security Council and the UN Secretary-General must first be informed.

"For the first time since the war," the Soviet news agency *Norosti* crows, "the USSR and the USA have embarked on the search for a common approach that will contribute towards the settlement of European problems."

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ments have been under review at the Bonn Foreign Office for some time.

In mid-August Herr Mehne, currently head of the Foreign Office disarmament and disarmament controls department, will take over from Rolf von Kester as head of this country's trade mission in Sofia. Once full diplomatic relations are established Mehne will be the first ambassador of the Federal Republic of

The Americans on the other hand deny that the agreement constitutes a nuclear Yalta and US-Soviet condominium over the entire world.

A French observer has noted that it may seem strange for Paris, in view of its cordial relations with the Soviet Union, to voice warnings about the repercussions of the agreement, but he is prepared to hazard a reason as to why this should be the case.

It is, he says, simply not in the interest of equal relations within Europe as a whole in the future for a conglomerate of Western European countries to be "Finlandised" and compelled to submit to Soviet influence.

One high-ranking Nato official is worried lest written confirmation of the lowering of America's nuclear shield strengthen tendencies in Western Europe in general and in this country in particular to come to terms with what is, after all, the more powerful Eastern Bloc.

Whitehall shares this anxiety and British scepticism about the prospects of the Vienna talks on mutual balanced force reduction has intensified.

The British note that there must be no MBFR agreement extending special political or military status to any part of the emerging European Union. In other words, there must be no inroads on the sovereignty of a future united Western Europe.

The tag "De Gaulle saw it all coming"

Stalemate in Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland has gone to the polls to elect one of the strangest parliaments ever, with a scheduled life-span of nine months. Unless it succeeds in forming an inter-denominational government in this time it faces the threat of dissolution and fresh elections on the same terms. Should it succeed, the newly elected Northern Irish assembly will remain in office for a period of four years.

The three groups that emerged from the elections cannot immediately set about forming a government, however. They must first prove themselves to be a working parliament in terms of equitable standing orders and inter-denominational committees.

There are so many checks and balances incorporated in the new Northern Irish constitution that it is surprising how little support Protestant extremists gained and how few voters followed the IRA's advice to Roman Catholics to spoil their papers.

The election results must have come as a sad blow to the middle-of-the-road Alliance group, however. The Protestant vote has been split between the Loyalists, who are opposed to any sharing of power,

and the official Unionists under the leadership of Brian Faulkner, the Loyalist four seats more than the Unionists.

This at least means an end to erstwhile impregnable Unionist majorities. Mr Faulkner and his supporters join forces with the predominantly Roman Catholic Social Democratic Labour Party if a government is to be formed and the parliament is to survive.

Following the encounter between British and Irish Republic Prime Ministers Edward Heath and Liam Cosgrave, Whitehall and Dublin are agreed on a course to be taken, and the South is prepared to accept an Ulster guarantee by a Grand Coalition. Meanwhile, Belfast, bargaining has started with a view to reaching agreement on necessary concessions.

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(Die Welt, 5 July 1973)

is going the rounds in Brussels. "Let's hope that Paris now, unlike the Germans who slammed the anchors on Elze draws the right conclusions," one day Nato official notes, not as yet noticed any perceptible change in attitudes as regards Nato routine.

Yet the two Defence Ministers are comparing notes. France's Robert Fauriol has only recently held talks in Paris with this country's Georg Leber.

The agenda included arms cooperation, greater independent Western European defence strike-power, the development of a European armaments union, the cooperation between Britain and France target planning and long-term relations to deterrence credibility.

America now seems ready to relax restrictions on Western European defence autonomy up to and including nuclear sector. French Foreign Minister Jobart recently discussed in Washington with Dr Kissinger the possibility of French access to American underground nuclear test facilities. America is paving the way for a smoother transfer of known-how to France.

Britain and France are wondering how this country can be included in a Western European defence organisation inclusive of an Anglo-French substitute deterrent without either put at a disadvantage or being allowed finger on the nuclear trigger.

"Following the US-Soviet agreement only an integrated Europe can save us," one Nato official comments, "that it is now probably too late to do so. He is afraid that the Big Two will decide once and for all what Europeans are or are not to be allowed to do. Paris, reliable sources note, preparing to reverse its present policy fundamentally adjust to the new situation."

Hermann Bohle (Münchener Merkur, 12 July 1973)

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

The lessons to be learned from the latest Mark revaluation

DIE ZEIT

How many more times is the Mark to be revalued? No more than an hour after the most recent revaluation Finance Minister Helmut Schmidt was asked when he thought he would have to take the same sort of action again. He had the honesty to admit that another revaluation could be in the offing - this would be the sixth.

Large-scale battles on the home front were fought over the 1969 revaluation. Exporters were concerned about their future existence and farmers were worried about their income.

But now revaluation is one economic instrument of many fearlessly wielded by Helmut Schmidt. Industry no longer considers it a damper on exports. Despite the five revaluations the export figures are continuing to rise unabated.

But the revaluations have not been able to prevent inflation continuing its destructive course. In the second half of the sixties an economic volcano began to rumble, spewing out dollars which flooded other countries in ever-increasing quantities.

Because of the obligation to exchange fixed rates, these dollars increased the amount of money available and fed the flames of any inflationary madness committed by the State, management, the trade unions or the banks.

The fixed rates of exchange always acted as a fresh invitation to the owners of unused funds to administer them in such a way that they could rake in the profits chalked up as a result of revaluation.

Despite these shortcomings no international currency conference ever thought of abandoning the principle of fixed though adaptable rates of exchange. But in practice the exchange rates lacked the ability to adapt quickly to a changing situation by revaluing or devaluing and the Western world had to live with the disadvantages of the fixed system.

Free exchange rates gradually began to shake their breakthrough - despite the regulations of the International Monetary Fund. The banks issuing the floating currencies were freed of their obligation to intervene on the money market and support sagging exchange rates.

Governments which decided to float their countries' currencies at first had a bad conscience about their actions. The Canadian government was one of the first and its example was later followed between May and December 1971 by the governments of the Federal Republic and the Netherlands.

The course of action proved successful and floating a currency was looked upon as an acceptable financial policy. An increasing number of governments decided that the attempt to maintain fixed rates of exchange in a world where gold freely circulated was tantamount to building on water, as the *Economist* once put it.

But the logical conclusions were not drawn until the serious currency crisis last February. Experience with floating currencies has demonstrated that this is the only way to stop the flood of dollars.

All currencies were floated when the currency exchanges were reopened on 19 March 1973. The issuing banks still refused to intervene. The exchange rates are determined by the market situation.

But the market is not completely free. A system of controls on the circulation of

capital corrects the market forces in bureaucratic fashion. Some countries prefer to trust the Mark. Others prefer to place their confidence in bureaucracy even though speculators have been able to clear the hurdles imposed when it came to the pinch.

In this bureaucratically controlled system of floating currencies the Federal Republic, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg play a special role as a centralised European force. Sweden and Norway have joined these countries.

This bloc has not quite abandoned the idea of fixed though adaptable rates of exchange. The currencies of these countries are related to each other by means of fixed rates that are not allowed to deviate by more than 2.25 per cent. But they float jointly in relation to the dollar.

Since 1 March this year the Federal Bank has not been obliged to buy up vast amounts of dollars to support the exchange rate. But, like all the issuing banks of the countries participating in this joint floatation, it is obliged to buy up weak currencies in the bloc with its own currency.

Before the latest revaluation of the Mark the Federal Bank bought quantities of Dutch guilders and French and Belgian francs so that these currencies would remain within the 2.25 per cent wavelength - the snake, as it is called.

This "snake" is worshipped as a symbol of the planned European economic and currency union. The governments of the countries participating in the bloc floating are the only ones today issuing orders to "walk on the water".

Britain, Eire and Italy have been sceptical about the success of this venture from the very beginning. Although they are members of the European Community they have refused to join the currency bloc. The pound sterling and the lira are therefore floating in relation to all other currencies.

Only the Mark, the French and Belgian franc, the guilder and the Danish, Norwegian and Swedish krona belong to the bloc which has sworn to support the exchange rates of each other's currencies.

The consequences were revealed shortly before the latest revaluation. The Federal Bank had to pump four milliard Marks into this country's economy when purchasing bloc currencies.

It is not surprising that Finance Minister Schmidt and Economic Affairs Minister Friderichs grew nervous. This

represented an attack on their programme of stability and the gap in their armour was the question of the international monetary system.

The events in the international currency world prior to 19 March 1973 have been repeated since that date within the group of bloc floaters. As far as the eventual consequences are concerned, it makes no difference whether the flood of money coming the country consists of dollars, guilders or Belgian or French francs.

The government in Bonn will have to protect itself against this flood. It has three courses of action open to it. It can either revalue the Mark yet again, put pressure on its partners to harmonise the broad outlines of economic policy in the bloc countries or float the Mark in isolation.

The new distortions within the bloc could probably be ironed out by revaluing the Mark yet again. This is the only logical conclusion from current trends. But action of this type would be preceded by a flood of currency that would wreck all attempts at stability. Other courses of action must therefore be considered.

Economic Affairs Minister Friderichs does not believe that the currency situation will settle down again until the members of the currency bloc decide to adopt similar economic policies.

But Friderichs does not attach much hope to achieving a degree of standardisation at present. The government recently made a stand on stability after much hesitation. Should it now sit back and let itself be swept along by the trend?

There is a third possibility. The government should examine whether floating the Mark in isolation would not be the best course in the present situation. Floating the Mark in relation to all other currencies would destroy the last remnants of attempts to set up a European economic and currency union without suitable means at its disposal.

European agricultural policy would also have to take action to prevent a breakdown of the common agricultural market. In short, deciding to float the Mark in isolation would lead to the destruction of hallowed symbols of monetary integration.

But there is no place for nostalgia in politics. As it puts priority on stability the government should consider whether it can achieve more stability by putting less emphasis on European union.

CDU viewed as centre party, survey reveals

The Institute for Applied Social Science (Infas) was recently commissioned by the government to investigate which party people most equated with the political centre. Chancellor Willy Brandt conjured up the phrase "new centre" for the SPD-FDP coalition some time ago.

During its survey Infas found that 56 per cent of the population considered the CDU to be the centre party, 54 per cent the FDP, 41 per cent the SPD and 35 per cent the CSU.

Fifty per cent of committed government supporters stated that the CDU was the party of the centre while only nineteen per cent of Opposition supporters said the same of the SPD.

The SPD was thought to be a party of

the centre by 36 per cent of the self-employed (62 per cent of this group stated that the CDU was the centre party), 46 per cent of white-collar workers and civil servants (CDU: 59 per cent), 44 per cent of skilled workers (CDU: 55 per cent), 45 per cent of trained and unskilled workers (CDU: 56 per cent) and thirty per cent of the pensioners (CDU: 52 per cent).

According to Infas, the Bavarian CSU takes up a special position in public opinion. A total of 35 per cent considered it the party of the political centre. Only 28 per cent of government supporters claim that the CSU belongs to the centre while 49 per cent of Opposition voters believe that the CSU too is a centre party.

(Die Welt, 26 June 1973)

Examination of the current European situation reveals that the temporary abandonment of some European aims would not be all that grave at present. The economic and currency union is not much more than the object of solemn promises at European summit conferences. In practice it is still at an embryonic stage and could not survive on its own.

Only two thirds of the Common Market countries are bound to each other by fixed rates of exchange. The other third stand outside the bloc system. What talk can there be of an economic and currency union when some member countries control the passage of capital to and from others?

The member countries are a long way away from achieving joint aims of stability and growth - but this is the only way to guarantee union. Instead the Community set up the European Monetary Fund without having a policy which it could serve.

The history of Europe's economic and monetary integration makes depressing reading. Like his predecessor General de Gaulle, President Pompidou applies the brakes. Paris still has different political aims to the Federal Republic.

This survey of events suggests that the course of European monetary integration should be interrupted. Bonn could pull out until France revealed an honest desire to work jointly and constructively with the other members. Until that date floating the Mark in isolation would provide us with the opportunity of making our currency stable again.

Rudolf Herlt
(Die Zeit, 8 July 1973)

FDP troubled if SPD moves too far to the left

Free Democrat leader Walter Scheel has frequently been caught thinking about the transitory nature of coalitions in recent weeks. A governing coalition only lasts as long as the cooperation and goodwill among its members, he says.

Views will tend to become more and more dissimilar as each promise contained in the government programme is fulfilled. Once the common aims have been achieved there is scope for compromise until the partners come to the point where their views differ in principle.

To prevent his opinions from being heralded as an affront to the Social Democrats, Scheel was quick to remove the barb and point out that the FDP and the CDU/CSU had worked together for a total of eleven years. Under these circumstances the SPD-FDP coalition should not break up until 1980.

But why is Scheel pondering over this question at so early a stage? Why have party colleagues Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Willi Weyer heard to enlarge upon this theme?

This cannot be coincidental. The FDP is evidently firing a warning shot across the bows of the Social Democrats. Free Democrats are claiming that there can be no question of cooperation if the SPD moves too far to the left.

The Free Democrats are not too happy about the way the young and veteran left-wingers in the SPD are stepping up their demands for an end to free enterprise. They are also dissatisfied by Socialist tendencies to confuse détente with unilateral disarmament on the part of the Federal Republic.

The FDP is not merely directing its shafts on left-wingers within the governing coalition. It also has the electorate in mind. The party has attracted increased public favour recently. It could gain more if it proved itself man enough to oppose dangerous left-wing experiments.

Jürgen Lorenz
(Kölnischer Nachrichten, 3 July 1973)

■ RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

15th Evangelical Church Congress in Düsseldorf

DER TAGESSPIEGEL

The fifteenth Evangelical Church Congress ended on 1 July with a service in Düsseldorf's new sports stadium. The course of the Congress confirmed both the fears and expectations which accompanied it from the very beginning.

There were three grounds for alarm. Firstly, that the general apathy in the Church paralysing all discussion and action might not be overcome merely by holding a Church Congress.

Secondly, that the boycott by right-wing ecclesiastical groups and left-wing action groups which put their stamp on the last Church Congress held four years ago in Stuttgart and did not turn up in any great number at Düsseldorf would automatically lead to a failure to get any real discussion going.

Thirdly, that the attempt to organise the Church Congress from a grass-roots level by asking for proposals for the agenda and including committed groups and individuals in the preparations and organisation would automatically lead to an inflation of the administrative apparatus and frustration caused by interminable group processes long before the Church Congress was due to start. This would make the Congress's work harder instead of easier.

These fears were confirmed in part during the Church Congress. The number of visitors was lower than in previous years. Some eight to nine thousand people attended the three-day event on Düsseldorf's trade fair site but at least ten per cent were active participants or journalists.

There was far less interest in Bible study and spiritual care than at past Church Congresses. The discussions held in many of the halls on the trade fair site were far less passionate and controversial and were brought to an end more quickly than in the past.

There was a noticeable drop in the number of resolutions and divisions which had been welcomed, and cursed, as the long-delayed spread of democracy to the Church at early congresses in Hanover



Church music — modern style at the Evangelical Congress

In 1967 and, above all, at Stuttgart in 1969.

It was asked whether the time, energy and money spent on the Congress — costs were estimated at three million Marks — still stood in any sensible proportion to the spiritual and social yield.

It was suggested that future Church Congresses might find it better to return to more primitive forms and regain a more spontaneous character. Instead of catering for the public at large, they should devote themselves to the narrower ecclesiastical sphere.

This proposal was rejected for the time being by those who are responsible for the Church Congress. After all, the expectations placed in this year's event were fulfilled.

Dr Heinz Zahmt, head of the Church Congress, stated his three main expectations before it opened. The Düsseldorf Church Congress was, he said, to be firstly a theological, secondly an ecumenical and thirdly a humanitarian Church Congress.

And so it turned out, or at least in part. It was a theological Church Congress inasmuch as its subject "Man lives not from bread alone but from every word that passes God's lips" is a central theological tenet and was understood and developed as such.

The discussion did not deal with theology in the specialist sense of the word but returned to the original meaning, the type of theology that asks after God as the source of life and excludes no area of real life from its deliberations.

The usual six groups were set up to discuss "What can we rely upon?"



Ecumenical service at Düsseldorf

(Photos: Hans Lechmann)

(faith), "Private affluence — public poverty (politics and society), "Life is different" (the individual), "Celebrated reconciliation" (divine service), "Ecumenical life" (The Church) and "No one-way traffic" (mission and development).

The Düsseldorf Church Congress was indeed an ecumenical Church Congress and need not shun comparison with the ecumenical gathering in Augsburg at Whitsun 1971.

No other Evangelical Church Congress has had so many active participants and speakers from the Catholic Church (Professor Metz and Mühlen and Bishop Steln) or from the Jewish community (Rabbi Lubliner, Gradwohl and Lehmann).

The ecumenical movement was strongly in evidence in the project groups and among visitors too. Representatives came from over forty countries, including Eastern European States with the exception of the German Democratic Republic.

The Church Congress did well not to make the ecumenical movement one of the main aims of the Congress, treating it instead as an obvious working method. The ecumenical movement should be practised instead of featuring merely as a united ecclesiastical front. The Congress did not treat the ecumenical movement as an aim set way in the future but realised that it was possible today to think and live ecumenically.

The Düsseldorf Church Congress was also meant to be a humanitarian Church Congress. The fact that it became so is due to the large number of young people — well above half the participants were under 25.

Admittedly, these young people did not participate in every sphere of activity, only those sectors where they could be actively and emotionally committed. They took part for instance in the political Evening Prayer, in the Evening Liturgy and above all in the Shalom Forum and Communication and Information Centre.

Here they provided a colourful mixture of information about social work and development aid on the one hand and on the other hand a play street, recreation centre, religious services and agitation, street theatre and street-corner discussions, music and painting, eating and drinking, helping and being helped.

A whole hall had to be devoted to these activities from early in the morning to late in the evening. This should now have established itself as an integral part of future Church Congresses.

All in all it can be said that there will have been some point in holding this Church Congress. If some of its theological, ecumenical and human impulses reach parish level.

Gerhard Bauer

(Der Tagesspiegel, 1 July 1973)

Fewer people leave the churches, survey reveals

The two largest Churches in the Federal Republic can once again up their lists of members without a great degree of heartsearching. The number of people leaving the Churches in 1972 was down in comparison with totals for 1970 and 1971.

The 22 Catholic bishops and the local Evangelical Churches expect a lower drop-out figures in 1973. A survey conducted by the press agency revealed that anything up to 0.8 per cent of believers left the Church in 1972.

The survey did not provide a total of the whole of the Federal Republic, some Church authorities were hesitant about supplying information.

However it is obvious that Church membership dropped severely in 1971 when there were heated discussions about whether it was possible to be Catholic or Protestant outside established Churches and still gain one's faith.

The Central Ecclesiastical Statistical Department in Cologne has supplied reliable information about the drop in membership in the Catholic Church during those years. According to statistics the Catholic Church lost 0.5 per cent of its members in 1970 and 0.3 per cent in 1971.

Examination of the information available from seventeen bishops and member Churches of the Evangelical Church reveals that the level of church tax cannot be held responsible for the drop in membership.

Most Christians belonging to the major Churches had to pay one tenth of their total income tax burden to the Church. Those living in Baden-Württemberg, Bremen and Hamburg only had to pay eight per cent. These figures do not take into account the money paid by the Churches at a local level.

The Protestant bishops and the Churches have suggested the introduction of a standard eight per cent church tax but a number of the Churches stated in the survey that they would consider any reduction.

The largest regional Churches in the Federal Republic are the Archdiocese of Cologne with some 2.6 million believers and the Evangelical Church of Hesse with a membership of almost four million. Despite the fact that it had few members, the Archdiocese of Cologne achieved a total budget of 465.5 million Marks last year. The Hanover Church Congress for the same year was 310 million and 370 million is expected for 1973.

Staff costs take up the lion's share of all Churches' budgets. But there are no common denominators where expenditure is concerned. No comparisons can be drawn from the figures supplied to illustrate the Churches' work which is usually put forward as the main argument for the retention of church tax.

The various Church authorities pointed out the particular difficulties involved in comparing these figures. The salaries of both vicars and social workers are included and a large number of vicars involved in social work or do this kind of work as part of their clerical duties.

But most of the expenditure on spiritual care and social work is listed as the construction sector alongside the building of churches. Most of the Churches covered by the survey considered that interest in the study of theology was growing, though none of them

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■ DEFENCE

Defence Ministry cannot afford new weapons

When Ernst Wolf Mommensen, the present head of Krupp, was a State Secretary at the Defence Ministry he claimed that if the Bundeswehr were measured against the usual limitations imposed on industry it would be declared bankrupt. What Mommensen feared has now come about — the Defence Ministry is short of cash. He is just about able to raise funds for the soldiers' pay and to meet repair bills. Purchasing new equipment has had to be reviewed.

The sad financial condition prevailing at the Defence Ministry has shaken up the arms industry in this country. At the end of the sixties the Bundeswehr's first generation of weapons were due to be replaced and the arms industry was looking forward to a profitable period. At the beginning the Bundeswehr had to get its weapons partly from abroad, the arms industry in the Federal Republic was only manufacturing weapons on licence. But at the end of the sixties plant had been rebuilt and the arms industry expected to make hay.

In the meantime hopes had become tarnished. Costs for the upkeep of the Bundeswehr have soared so considerably in the last few years that the opportunities for purchasing new arms grew fewer and fewer. In discussions over this year's estimates for the Bundeswehr's defence budget has appeared.

Defence Minister Georg Lober drew up his own draft estimates. Minister Leber wanted from former Defence Minister Helmut Schmidt a defence budget of 27.2 milliard Marks, which in fact did not take into account all defence requirements.

But Finance Minister Schmidt only approved a Defence budget of 26.5 milliard Marks. According to planners at the Defence Ministry the reduced budget for maintaining defence preparedness is hardly enough. The cash will not go far enough to meet direct obligations with enough over for the purchase of new weapons.

Arms industry lobbyists in Bonn are perplexed. Sadly they recall today that there was once a time when everything was done to rebuild this country's arms industry. Between 1955 and 1970 this country shed out 90 milliard Marks for defence purposes, 64 million for material, 15 milliard for the maintenance of the armed forces and eight milliard for research and development.

Towards the end of the sixties 55 per cent of expenditures for supplies was flowing into Federal Republic firms. By 1970 the proportion that was being paid to Federal Republic suppliers had risen to 70 per cent. This country's arms industry could look forward to some fat years ahead.

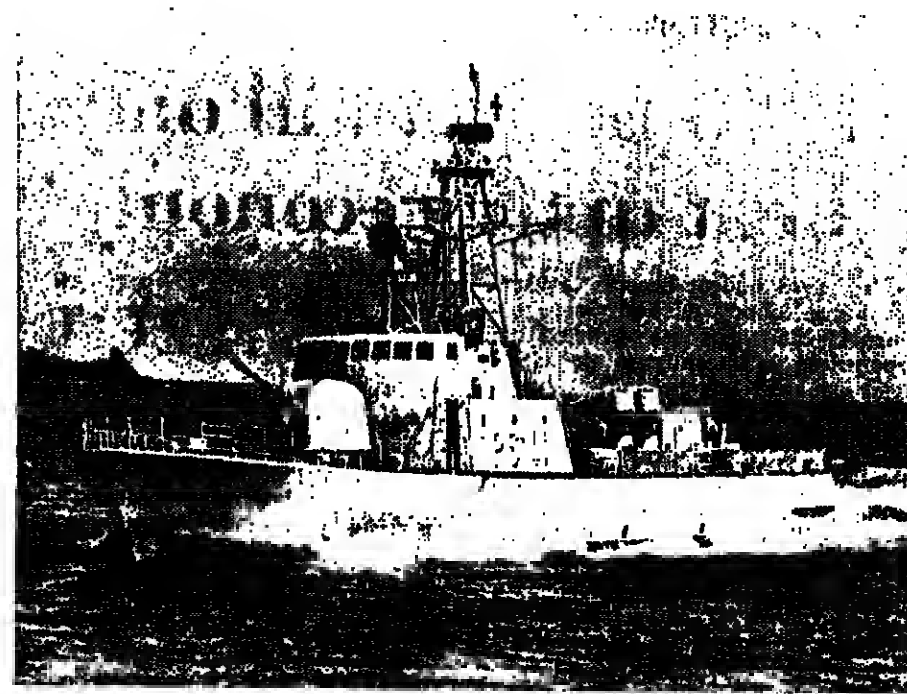
The proportion of domestic expenditure on arms compared with overall industrial production is, at two per cent, minimal, but a number of branches of industry are dependent on arms contracts to a large extent. Aerospace industries for instance. Something between 70 and 80 per cent of their

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prepared to conclude that the priest shortage was being solved in this way.

But experience has demonstrated that most of the newcomers prefer the profession of lay theologian to that of priest. The only Church without a shortage of new blood was the Evangelical Church in Württemberg. Many young people in that area see the social commitment of priests as a duty relevant to the modern age.

(Süddeutsche Zeitung, 8 June 1973)



The new S 41

(Photo: dpa)

Speedboats with rockets for the Bundesmarine

Speedboats of the Bundesmarine are to be equipped with rockets. The first speedboat to have this equipment mounted was handed over to the Bundesmarine at Flensburg recently at the fleet headquarters.

Forty speedboats fitted with conventional weapons are to be replaced as quickly as possible. It is proposed to provide the Bundesmarine with ten hydrofoils of the type that have been developed in America.

The Defence Ministry White Paper issued last year pointed out that the Bundesmarine was badly in need of missiles. The three destroyers fitted with rockets recently obtained from the USA have helped fill this gap. The speedboats, used to protect coastal waters and bar the Baltic, are part of this policy.

Thirty old vessels of the Jaguar class are involved. They were built by the Kröger shipyards, Rendsburg between 1956 and 1962. Twenty of them will be replaced by the new 148, completion of the contract is to be effected by November 1974. Ten other vessels of the larger 143 class, fitted with electronic equipment, conceived as command vessels, are to be supplied thereafter.

In October 1970 a contract was signed with a French shipyard in Cherbourg for 20 speedboats equipped with missiles. Each of these vessels is to be fitted with four missiles of the MM 3B type, having a range of 38 kilometres. These are ship-to-ship rockets of the Exocet type, that are very accurate and when fired travel low across the sea undetectable by radar.

The new speedboat 148 will be equipped with antiaircraft weapons of 76 mm and 40 mm caliber. The boats will be able to cruise at 77 kph.

The Federal Republic fleet is not involved in a world role. The Federal Republic fleet is committed under Nato and along with the Danes to protect the Baltic coastline as far as Bornholm.

When the first 148, the S 41, was delivered from Cherbourg Vice-Admiral Paul Hartwig said: "The vessel will enable us to fulfill its role more efficiently."

The S 41 is bigger than the vessels it is replacing but thanks to its electronic devices abroad does not need extra crewmen, in fact even fewer.

The Jaguar class vessels the 148s are replacing were 185 tons with a crew of 42. The new 148 has four diesel motors producing 14,400 hp and needs only a crew of thirty.

Lore Lorenzen

(Frankfurter Rundschau, 19 June 1973)

finances flow from Defence Ministry coffers.

Several firms such as AEG-Telefunken and Siemens achieve a considerable part of their turnover in arms technology. The AEG-Telefunken plant at Ulm depends for fifty per cent of its turnover on arms. Krauss-Maffel, producing tanks achieved at the end of the sixties an increase of between 40 and 45 per cent in turnover due to arms contracts.

As always the strength of the Federal Republic arms industry is tank building. The development of the Leopard tank has kept Porsche, MAK-Maschinenbau, Kiel, the locomotive firm of Jung and the Luther plant busy. Krauss-Maffel has had overall command of the production of Leopards that has been worth approximately two milliard Marks.

Recently the Defence Ministry has given the main contract for the construction of Flapanzers (anti-aircraft tanks) to Krauss-Maffel. To handle this project Krauss-Maffel in the south of the country have had to join forces with a Krupp subsidiary in Kiel.

For the time being that looks like being the last contract given out by the Ministry. The cost of the new generation of weapons needed has become so expensive that the Defence Ministry budget will have to be increased considerably if purchases are to be made.

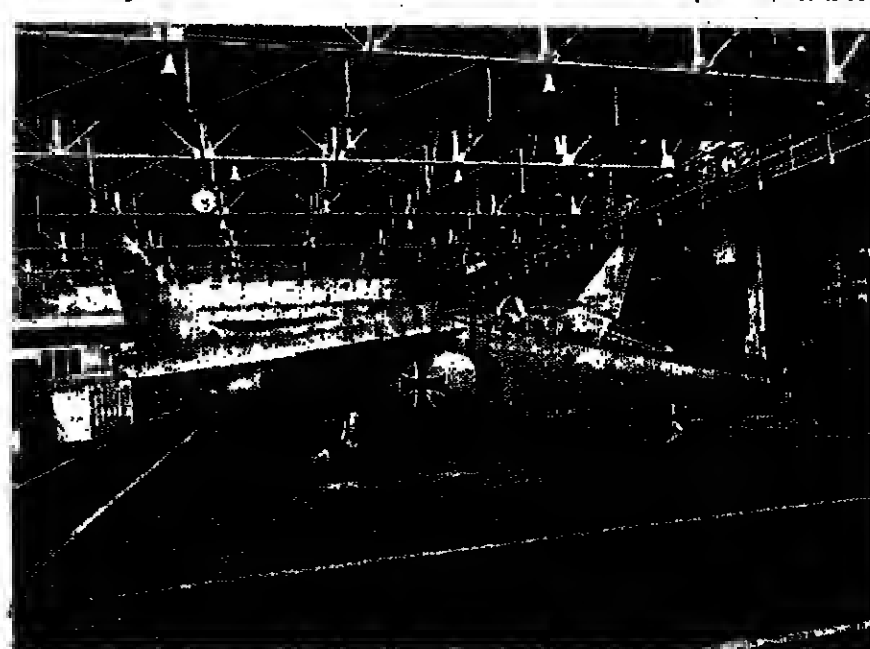
Starfighters used to cost approximately ten million Marks each, but the replacement of the out-dated Starfighter is likely to cost more than twice as much. The predecessor to the Leopard was only half as expensive. The destroyer Hamburg cost 105 million Marks but its successor the Lütjens has already cost 207 million Marks.

According to SPD Bundestag member Alfons Pawelczyk, in the light of the general rise in costs the Bundeswehr requires more than two milliard Marks a year to cover the increase in wage and repair bills. Ministerial director Lothar Weber from the Ministry's planning staff recently told the defence sub-committee that for several years the defence budget has been based less on requirements and more on the financial and economic demands prevailing.

Lothar Weber said: "The results are weapons that are too aged and equipment that has gone beyond the limits of its serviceability. This means increased outgoings for material and defence equipment in the next few years and a snowballing of arms requirements."

Wolfgang Hoffmann

(Die Zeit, 8 June 1973)



The Alpha-Jet, a Franco-German development

(Photo: dpa)

■ THE ECONOMY

1973 budget will only heat up the economy

The 1973 budget became law on 20 June. Nobody talks any more of the financial chaos that was predicted by the Opposition as recently as the election campaign last November.

But no one is particularly happy with this budget either. The government and its supporters are disappointed that it does virtually nothing to "expand the public corridor" and the Opposition and its sympathisers are disappointed because they view the budget as a source of inflation.

At a volume of 120.4 milliard Marks the Federal budget regulates something more than two-fifths of all public expenditure. The responsibility for the rest lies with the Federal state Finance Ministries and the borough treasurers' offices.

But since the central government is responsible for economic and monetary policy it is legitimate to ask the question whether the government has really "acted in a way that is in the highest degree detrimental to the industrial sector of the economy and likely to fuel the fires of inflation" — as the Opposition maintains.

The Opposition's criticism was fired by the government's statement that the volume of the 1973 budget represented an increase of only 9.7 per cent over actual expenditure last year.

With a predicted growth in gross national product of 12.6 per cent, the government concludes, the increase in the budget will be economically neutral.

The Opposition bases its calculations on the predictions of the Five Wise Men and states that when the latent budgets are taken into account along with the various manipulations of statistics the level of public spending will in fact be up by thirteen per cent. This is almost three times as high as the probable net increase in the gross national product, according to the CDU economics expert Herr Leicht.

The government is measuring the growth of the level of public spending on the growth rate of nominal national product. It is thereby following a guideline set by the EEC Council of Ministers.

Government spending increases

Frankfurter
Neue Presse

Private consumer spending is growing at a slower rate than government spending, according to figures presented by an interministerial committee for economic development dealing with 1973.

The figures show that when consumer spending at workers and managements was up by 10.9 per cent, State spending rose by 13.5 per cent.

Total investment in plant is expected to increase by 12 per cent while public investments will again be higher at 13.4 per cent up. The increase in GNP is estimated at 12.6 per cent by the committee.

According to experts these figures underline the fact that additional measures to cut private consumer activities are not sufficient to keep prices in check. Measures affecting other spheres of consumer spending are required.

(Frankfurter Neue Presse, 27 June 1973)

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Nevertheless this procedure is dubious, since it involves the State's making a calculation that is based on another calculation, which comes to almost thirty per cent by government expenditure. The Opposition for its part is not afraid of making a comparison between the nominal growth rate of public expenditure and the real growth of GNP.

Both procedures do not lead far. It is essential to read between the percent signs. The Opposition maintains the government is pulling the wool over people's eyes by not entering regular expenses in the budget calculations. By this they mean the 2,500 million Mark subsidies the government has to pay to social insurance, sums which have been frozen without interest.

They also mean the thousands of millions from hospital finance legislation and the 660 million Marks demanded by the Society for Public Works (Oeffa) which was given the job of autobahn building and the 300 million Mark demands for the Saar mines.

If these figures are to be included with the budget for 1973 in all fairness one must also consider the volume of the comparative budget of 1972, and make the necessary adjustment upwards. Then one arrives at a considerably lower rate of increase than the thirteen per cent calculated by the Opposition.

Yet with regard to economic neutrality these sums are virtually of no importance. Taking into account such expenditure as hospital financing and replacing the credit grants to third parties by direct State subsidies there would be a formal increase in government expenditure. But as far as the demand for goods and the claims on the capital market are concerned nothing would change. The frozen subsidies for pension insurance must not be subject to interest and they will only mature in 1980. So as far as 1973 is concerned they are not "suppressed" government expenditure.

Admittedly all these factors belong in the box of tricks with which many a finance minister has kept the budget low. The Oeffa demand has not been included in the budget since 1953. The frozen subsidies to pension insurance — 1973 is not the first time payment of them has been deferred — are a bone of contention within the SPD as well.

But at the Federal Finance Ministry there is a practical, political justification given for this procedure — pension insurance has such a layer of fat to project it that a further increase of funds would only tend to lead to new social welfare experiments.

Consumer demand will continue until 1974

The industrial economic boom has developed such momentum that a run on production potential is expected to last well into next year, according to the Ifo economic institute, Munich.

Even if it is possible to curb investments in the capital investment goods industry will still be under a heavy pressure of demand which will only gradually abate.

One specific reason for predicting this development is that demand from overseas remains high and will be so

Hospital financing, finally, belongs in the regular budget, according to the coalition. But talk about doing away with these latent budgets has been talked for high on twenty years. The Brandt government really should decide to make the first steps in this direction.

The second major accusation made by the Opposition concerns a promise made by the Cabinet in the stabilisation programme of 9 May. The government planned to axe borough council expenditure of 330 million Marks, jointly financed by the Federal states, and to cut all expenditure that was not demanded by law by five per cent with a view to saving 700 million Marks.

The Opposition wanted to cut the 330 million and to put a reduced sum in the budget for the 700 million. The government however only won through as far as cutting Community expenditure — with the same amount applying in 1973 and an additional burden in 1974. As far as the 700 million are concerned the government wants a saving on this when the budget is put into practice.

Each month there should be a report on how much has been saved, at the wishes of State Secretary Hermsdorf.

This is good, but everyone knows that self-imposed restrictions are often of benefit. A legally binding order for expenditure to be blocked is more effective than good intentions.

The Opposition quite rightly made this point the crux of their criticisms. Their weakness, however, lay in the fact that they too could not say which aspects of public expenditure should have been cut more drastically by the government. The CDU/CSU sought refuge in the system of universal cuts, which it has scorned so often in the past.

It was a great feat of Helmut Schmidt's to push through the basic data for the 1973 budget that had been decided upon in the middle of the election campaign at a later date when the new government had been formed.

In the face of the extra eight milliard Marks the ministries were demanding nobody really believed that Schmidt could keep to the level of 120,400 million Marks that had been decided upon. He succeeded. After all no government can afford to change its Finance Minister every few months.

Economically neutral and good for stabilisation? Neither the excess of expenditure over revenue, that is to say the financing deficit, nor the changes to the volume of the budget give any clue to its effects on the economy. One must check how the financing deficit which has been cut by two milliard Marks differs from the so-called economically-neutral financing figure.

This shows that the 1973 budget will once again give a slight impulse towards expansion, determined largely by State expenditure on items such as growing personnel expenditure, fewer employees but a better pay structure for them and the effects of the pensions laws.

The 1973 budget will not only heat up the economy by another slight degree, but it is at the same time a sin by the government against its own declared aim of stabilisation.

Rudolf Herit
(Die Zeit, 22 June 1973)

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unless there is a significant change in monetary policies.

Ifo estimates that the growth of industrial productivity in 1974 as dictated by demand will be considerably weaker than this year.

(Die Welt, 12 June 1973)

The 1973 Budget

Item	Millions Inv. of DM
Federal President's office	8.9
Bundesrat	202.3
Bundesrat	7.5
Federal Chancellor's office	273.4
Foreign Office	1,088.7
Interior Ministry	1,980.1
Justice Ministry	207.8
Economic Affairs Ministry	1,686.0
Food, Agriculture and Forestry Ministry	2,196.0
Labour and Social Affairs	5,481.2
Transport Ministry	22,584.7
Posts and Telecommunications Ministry	16,524.0
Defence Ministry	404.2
Youth, Family Affairs and Health Ministry	28,423.3
Federal Constitutional Court	3,826.5
Federal Audit Office	8.5
Economic Cooperation Ministry	22.9
Planning	2,788.2
Intra-German Relations Ministry	3,528.4
Research and Technology Ministry	383.5
Education and Science Ministry	3,137.0
National Debt	3,375.7
Social Welfare	3,983.1
Defence Obligations	4,855.1
Civil Defence	798.5
Other Items	374.7
Total 1973 Budget	120,236.2

Net incomes have quadrupled since 1950

The average net income in the Federal Republic over the years from 1950 to 1970 has quadrupled. During the period the number of private households increased by fifty per cent, according to a survey that has been carried out by the Federal Republic Institute for economic research (DIW), West-Berlin.

According to the institute's expenditure survey, a Federal Republic household coming in on average 1,581 Marks in 1950 this was 357 Marks.

Since 1960 the incomes of self-employed people has increased markedly so that other social groups. By 1970 self-employed income had risen to 1,200 Marks per month. During the same period a worker's pay packet had only risen by on average 800 Marks.

Taxes levied on wages and salaries were in 1950, 4.6 per cent. By 1970 this had risen to 11.4 per cent. Deductions for social welfare during the same period had risen from eight per cent to eleven per cent.

Taxes levied on businesses had over the same period decreased from 21 per cent to twenty, usually because of degressive depreciation and allowances for investment in plant and machinery.

In 1950 four-fifths of all households had a monthly net income of less than 1,000 Marks. As a result of the above-mentioned changes in the number of households with pensioners in the period covered by the report the income most common in 1970 was 539 Marks. Half of the families received less than 1,230 Marks a month in 1970 according to DIW.

(Köln Stadt-Anzeiger, 21 June 1973)

■ THE ECONOMY

Monopolies Commission swoops down on price-fixing in building trade

Köln Stadt-Anzeiger

It was a major coup by a relatively minor body. Recently about twenty of the 200 or so officials of the Federal Monopolies Commission (Kartellamt) and about 500 carefully trained crime squad officers searched the business premises of building companies and four building trade associations in 141 towns. A raid of this kind is unprecedented in the fifteen-year history of the Monopolies Commission.

There must have been massive grounds for suspicion before such a national authority would launch such a spectacular offensive. Monopolies authorities have had their suspicions about the building trade for some years now — they believe that about 2,000 building firms have organised "price fixing" of varying degrees on a more than local basis.

The cartel authorities believe that in North Rhine-Westphalia, Lower Saxony, Baden and Hesse in particular firms have been engaged in "an organised price fixing scheme" since the monopolies laws were passed in 1958. These fixed prices for public building projects in particular. The first concrete indications of such price arranging came to light in March during searches of offices. These gave rise to the latest series of searches and confiscations. The Kartellamt has stated that in this latest series of searches threw up material which has hardened the suspicions the authorities already entertained.

Many of the firms concerned had had prior warning. A court in NRW sent the firms five search and confiscation warrants ten days before the swoop. Obviously stern disciplinary action is called for since without doubt the investigations of a Federal authority are being undermined in this manner.

Allegations raised by the Monopolies Commission have not yet been substantiated. No company has been proved guilty.

According to the Statistics Year Book these prices rose by 59 per cent and the prices for other buildings by 62.4 per cent between 1962 and 1971. The general rise in the cost of living in the same period was only half as much, namely 30.4 per cent. Rents increased in the same period by 73 per cent, largely because of the rising costs of building and repair work.

Although these figures are more likely to be below the mark than exaggerated, on account of statistical inaccuracies, the Kartellamt can see quite clearly where the cartels lie in the inflationary situation.

Its Bundeskartellamt has been keeping a rather eye on price developments in the building market for some time. Recently it has expressed its concern about the so-called building market cartels, which make price fixing easier than it might otherwise be. The Monopolies authorities have questioned the firms and begged their waning finger to the cartels.

In March 1972 the monopolies inspectors attached to Federal state governments and the Monopolies Commission produced a joint statement to the effect that there were widespread cases of price-fixing in the building trade. They said: "Such measures to curb competition are part of the growing cancer of cartel crime with growing consequences to the detriment of society

which the general public has come to appreciate."

So far the Monopolies Commission has not been able to nab those in the building trade who are out to stifle free competitiveness, the reason being a peculiarity of this branch of the economy. Building firms work for the most part in a confined sphere — in towns, in country boroughs, or in a certain Federal state. For this reason the national Monopolies Commission is not the competent watchdog, but rather the Federal state monopolies authorities, which are subordinated to the Economic Affairs Ministry or the Economics Senate Department of the state in question.

It is only because of suspicions that firms from many Federal states have been involved in widespread price fixing that the Berlin-based Bundeskartellamt has been able to step in.

In recent years there have been several cases in which price fixing on a Federal state plane have been unearthed and judgment passed. On many occasions the fines heaped on the building firms in questions topped the 100,000 Mark level. All spheres of the building trade are affected by such agreements. Criminal activity and cartels in cases of cartel forming have been discovered in the construction of schools, roads, tunnels, harbours and airports, as well as other construction work.

The procedure for arranging prices has remained unchanged for years. It has been established for so long that it is difficult to believe that the cartels that have so far been smashed were isolated cases and not the tip of an iceberg.

Building contracts are usually put up for tender to a certain section of the building trade, or issued publicly, that is to say thrown open for all-comers. Each submits its tender. But if a cartel exists the firms get together and decide among themselves who will get the contract. The "lucky" firm submits its tender, which is way above a normal level. The other firms submit even higher tenders.

The cheapest gets the contract, even though his prices are inflated beyond all proportion. Generally speaking the firm works out what a fair tender would be then adds ten per cent! But there was one case that came to light when the "surcharge" was 88 per cent over the normal level!

When a cartel has been in existence for a length of time its procedures become refined. They do not always bargain for which of the firms is to make the "lowest" tender. They work out fixed quotations according to the size of the company. The firm which has received the fewest contracts according to his latest quotations is selected to get the next contract going. This firm then submits the most attractive tender.

The building market statistics help to bolster the crooked system. In themselves these statistics are not evil. The building trade claims that they are designed to make a clear view of the whole complicated building market easier to obtain.

The strange thing about these statistics and the registrations centres of the building trade which issue them is not just that building firms are informed in arrears about all market data and prices. As investigations carried out by the Monopolies Commission have shown the building companies are not interested in knowing. What is more interesting is the first two phases of the compilation of statistics.

These are the reports by a building firm

to the registration office that it plans to submit tenders for a certain project and the report back by the registration centre to all companies that intend to submit a tender.

In this way each building firm knows exactly who its rivals are. This makes the formation of a cartel much easier. When the central association of the building trade maintains that the Monopolies Commission has ruled that the building market statistics are compatible with the provisions of monopolies legislation it is a half truth. In a summary of this report the Kartellamt stated in 1967: "Building statistics as at present issued are a constant, general and considerable danger for competitiveness on the building trade. But according to the Federal Monopolies Commission this is not against the interests of the general public."

Usually price fixing in the building trade only comes to light through chance. One letter arranging price fixing was wrongly addressed and came into the hands of a government body. A note book with incriminating figures was accidentally left lying in a building authority office.

One builder visiting a building firm discovered the excessive price arranged by their cartel. One official who had got wind of a price fixing arrangement attempted to blackmail the members of the cartel. They cut their losses and informed the police.

In the states of Lower Saxony, Hamburg and Bremen alone 2,592 cases of price fixing were discovered covering the years 1955 and 1956. These included more than 1,500 cases involving public works contracts. More than 500 firms were prosecuted at that time. In Hesse and Nuremberg in 1963 a cartel was smashed that had been in operation since 1955 if not earlier.

But this cartel was a good example of the fact that building price fixing does not only go against the law. When public works are concerned it is a question of robbing the taxpayer. And cartels are damaging to society. The authorities in Hesse discovered that it was because of the cartel's scheme for pushing up prices that no council housing scheme had been possible in the town.

Berlin's senator for building recently stated that the city was setting up a price watchdog committee to get to grips with excessive building prices.

The rent of a flat is 25 per cent higher in Berlin than in Munich, and Munich is not noted for its cheapness.

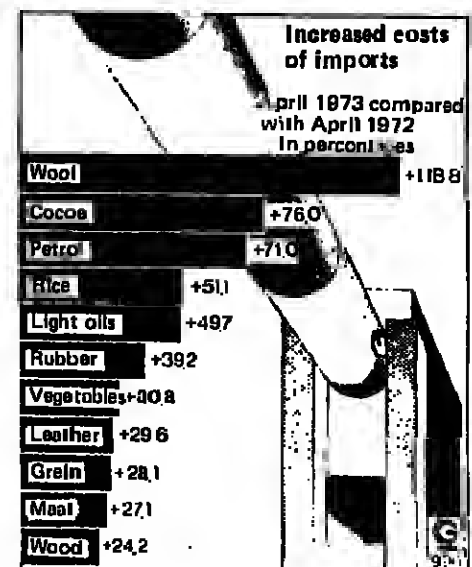
Joachim Nawrocki
(Köln Stadt-Anzeiger, 28 June 1973)

Europe's 2nd largest brewery combine

The merger of Dortmund Union Brewery and Berlin's Schulltheiss, which applied from 1 July 1972, has meant that the new brewery giant with an annual output of 10.7 million hectolitres has become Europe's second largest brewers combine.

Chairman of the Board Herr Sixtus, speaking in Berlin, stressed that before the merger could be described as ideal there were still things to be done in terms of joint distribution and streamlining of the range of products.

Regional beer tastes must be taken into account, he said.



Rocketing raw material prices upset stability measures

Imported goods that were once a boon are now sinners themselves where prices are concerned. The IWWA Institute for Economic Research in Hamburg stated in its latest report that the considerable increase in the price of many imported foodstuffs is helping to push up the cost of living still further.

At the same time the price of raw materials for industrial processes has rocketed and is having a direct influence on the soaring overheads in manufacturing industries.

Between April 1972 and April 1973 imported goods went up in price by about fourteen per cent on average. The worst offender was wool. It more than doubled in the year. Foodstuffs such as vegetables, grain and meat increased by "only" thirty per cent or so.

The increase in the price of raw materials which began in 1971 continued apace from the middle of last year. On a dollar basis the price level on the industrial raw materials market — based on the HWWA index — rose by 41 per cent since July 1972 alone. This is the steepest increase since the Korean War.

HWWA blames the increase on raw-material prices on accelerated rates of economic growth with the consequent increase in requirements of raw materials in the West. A major factor HWWA claims was alterations in manufacturer's stock piles.

The favourable development of the economy all over the world caused producers to throw to the winds the caution they had been exercising as late as 1971.

The urge to stockpile materials for a rainy day came from Japan and led to speculative purchases of raw materials. Nobody expected such a steep world market price rise for raw materials.

(Hamburger Abendblatt, 5 June 1973)

There are eighty companies with shares in the Dortmund-Berlin beer linkup. DUB drew their balance sheet up on 31 December, Schulltheiss on 30 September, and so the final figures issued are for a ramp trading year from the time the merger took effect to the end of 1972, that is to say for six months.

Shareholders did not receive dividends in the residual months before the merger took effect, and for the ramp half-year they will receive a 5-Mark dividend on fifty-Mark shares and 7.50 Marks special bonus.

Herr Sixtus thinks the company should intensify its export drive. He said that if a "flat flat" of a brewery is on the market the major concern will be sure to bid for it.

(Hamburger Abendblatt, 4 June 1973)

SHIPPING Everyone jumps on flags of convenience bandwaggon

Three and a half million tons of merchant shipping have been sold abroad and for the most part reregistered under flags of convenience over the past five years.

Last year alone 354 ocean-going vessels totalling 1.5 million GRT were sold to foreign owners. At least half of them, and probably more, have in reality merely swapped ensigns.

The most substantial turnover is in the shipowner Egon Oldendorf, who runs this country's second largest dry-cargo fleet.

Oldendorf, whose main sector is tramp shipping, in which rates and profits are largely determined by the state of the market, started up a new firm in Liberia and sold it his entire fleet of merchantmen.

Since the transfer Oldendorf has, on paper at least, maintained only a branch office, an agency representing the Liberian firm in this country, in the picturesque Baltic port of Lübeck.

Oldendorf is a private shipowner from a port hard by the frontier between the Federal Republic and the GDR. The more tradition-conscious longer-established firms in Hamburg and Bremen long disdained the very idea of transferring to anything so vulgar as a flag of convenience.

A dozen years or so ago Hapag of Hamburg and Norddeutscher Lloyd of Bremen cheerfully supported the International Dock Workers' Federation's boycott of vessels flying the ensigns of Panama, Honduras, Liberia and Costa Rica.

Nowadays the management of Hapag-Lloyd, who have meanwhile merged, imitate that under certain conditions even an internationally-reputed shipping line might have no option but to transfer to a flag of convenience in order to run ageing ships at a profit. Transferring can prove a profitable proposition provided a careful choice is taken, merchant shipping in this country having for years been on the horns of an income-expenditure dilemma that has made it virtually impossible to operate older vessels at a profit.

In 1969 and 1970 shipowners concluded wage agreements boosting wage costs by roughly fifty per cent. At the same time berthing charges and other items of inevitable expenditure such as heating oil spiralled all over the world.

To crown it all, in 1970 domestic shipowners were confronted with new manpower regulations compelling them to take on 25 men where before they had managed with eighteen.

This represented an additional twenty-five per cent on staff costs — and that at a juncture when freight rates were plummeting. Even longstanding shipowners with deep roots in the old country began to toy with the idea of beating a retreat.

What is more, the aid programme for many ships built in the fifties had come to an end and owners were able to transfer them to another country without forfeiting subsidies and special depreciation allowances on the strength of which merchant tonnage had been replenished in the post-war years.

In 1965 a mere 37 ships with an overall tonnage of 115,000 GRT swapped ensigns. Two years later the tonnage had doubled and the number of vessels increased to sixty-eight. By 1970 exactly

100 freighters with a total tonnage of 450,000 waved the old country goodbye. Their destinations were the cut-rate home ports of Panama, Monrovia and Singapore. With twenty million tons of shipping on its books Liberia has long headed the league tables, nominally that is.

In 1971 the transfer to flags of convenience assumed alarming proportions, though; 277 vessels with between them 1.1 million GRT took their leave, followed last year by 354 ships with a total of 1.5 million tons and the trend continuing to increase.

"Every month one per cent of the merchant navy transfers to a flag of convenience," owner Hannu Helms of Bremen's Hansa Line lamented as president of the shipowners' association.

The latest country to which shipping is transferred is no longer at some far-flung corner of the world. It is the land of Jason and the Argonauts, the Colonels' Greece.

In 1968 Greek Premier Papadopoulos, determined to gain international kudos regardless of the cost, stripped to a minimum the tax burden on ships flying the Greek ensign. This ruling also applied to the Greek subsidiaries of overseas shipping companies.

Hamburg-Süd, a name redolent of tradition in German shipping circles and a company taken over some ten years ago by foodstuffs magnate Rudolf August Oetkar in order to cut his tax losses, sold its two large modern tankers *St. Michaelis* and *St. Petri* to Greek owner Kolokotronis — along with three dozen other freighters.

Kolokotronis' fellow-countryman Dimitri Chondris snapped up the 32,000-ton liner *Bremen*, the passenger flagship of another major line, from Hapag-Lloyd and is now running it on Caribbean cruises under the impressive name *Regina Maria*, earning tax-free dollars in the process.

Piraeus shippers have now worked out how to manage matters. The first step is to set up a letterhead firm in the longstanding tax haven Panama, where all are welcome. The new company has a Greek-sounding name and the owner anxious to make a move sell his fleet to the Panama firm.

This pseudo-Greek armada from North America or other European countries is then part-sold to a Piraeus partner who then has it entered into the Greek shipping register.

"The Ministry," *Der Spiegel* complained, "then conducts a perfunctory check to see that 51 per cent of the new company is Greek-owned."

Greece's current policy is proving so successful as seriously to jeopardise Liberia's position at the top of the tonnage table. In the meantime the merchant tonnage flying the Greek flag is fast approaching the magic figure of twenty million.

Hapag-Lloyd is transferring its fifty-built freighter on the Far East run to Hong Kong. British and American companies have developed a liking for Singapore. A number of Mediterranean islands have now also joined the league.

Archbishop Makarios' Cyprus has welcomed Ulrich Herms of this country and his Transnavis line, providing him with the blessings of generous tax estimates and cheap crews.

Crete too is wondering whether it might not join the broad-line. Crete is, when all is said and done, Europe's oldest shipping power, and the local worthies are now seriously considering feathering their nest by means of becoming a tax haven for foreign shipowners in addition to being a repository of holidaymakers' foreign exchange.

The latest bidder is yet a third Mediterranean island that has benefited by breaking its ties with its former source of income, Malta, the naval base from which Britain once controlled the Mediterranean, now also fancies its chances as a flag of convenience.

Ernst Willenbrock
(Deutsches Allgemeines Sonntagsblatt,
24 June 1973)

Deutsche Atlantik Linie in trouble

Hanseatic shipowners, renowned for their good form and the souls of discretion, nonetheless invariably are conversant with the financial position of their competition.

"When one of us is in trouble," says Gilbert von Holtzapfel, manager of Deutsche Atlantik Linie, "the entire coastline knows the story inside out."

His two luxury liners *Hamburg* and *Hanseatic* are currently cruising into the red at an alarming rate.

Hapag-Lloyd of Bremen seemed to represent the answer to the Hamburg line's prayer, being the largest shipping firm in the country; but the proposal that the *Hamburg*, the *Hanseatic* and Hapag-Lloyd's *Europa* join forces has come at an awkward moment.

"We can only come to terms once Hapag-Lloyd's plans are finalised," Holtzapfel laments. But Hapag-Lloyd's ambitions in cruising remain veiled in secrecy.

They include the possible commissioning of two new cruisers, but according to Hapag-Lloyd director Horst Willner no decisions have yet been taken. As a matter of principle Hapag-Lloyd are extremely interested in cruising, or so Willner claims. In practice difficulties sour here.

At present the only passenger liner the company has on its books is the ageing *Europa*, "a charming old girl" (Willner) whose days are numbered.

Old-style luxury liners such as the *Europa* and the old *Hanseatic*, originally designed and built for operation on regular routes, are not ideally suited for the cruise business.

The old liners have too many trimmings and require too large a crew to run at a profit in this day and age despite their great and resounding names.

Now that the North Atlantic run is past history the one-time American, British, French and Italian flagships are only kept afloat by virtue of heavy subsidies and cruises. It is either that or rotting at their moorings.

For the cruise trade, a market with a future, according to Hapag-Lloyd, conventional luxury liners are dinosaurs on the ocean waves, though.

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The only ships likely to run at a profit in cruising are up-to-the-minute liners with a modicum of comfort and a minimum of crew.

Hapag-Lloyd plan to build two such ships at a cost of between 100 million and 140 million Marks each. But "as long as we are bound by Federal Republic wage-rates the idea is out of the question," Horst Willner claims.

Willner is asking the trade unions to exclude hotel and catering staff on the cruises from seamen's wage agreements. As regards Deutsche Atlantik Linie, Willner sees no need to take action at the present juncture. He has more than enough on his plate as it is.

What is more, of course, DAL supremo Axel Bittsch-Christensen left Hapag-Lloyd in the lurch in 1969, cancelling a cooperation agreement because he had worked out that more could be earned by going it alone on the high seas.

Bittsch-Christensen's reckoning was a risky business even in those days, and has since encountered the twin perils of market trends and spiralling costs. "With us they would have been as safe as houses," Willner counters.

It was apparent at the time that running two ocean liners without the

backing of a large firm could hardly be a risky business.

To crown it all, Bittsch-Christensen sailed close to the wind in financing 170 million Marks' worth of ocean liner the *Hanseatic* (erstwhile *Shalom*), bought in 1967, and the *Hamburg*, taken in service in 1969.

The two vessels were financed with the aid of loans backed by Federal government and the state. Hamburg and partly by means of million Marks raised by private law in the hope of tax gains.

But by 1970 Deutsche Atlantik Linie was already suffering from a malady. Invariably besets projects of its kind — shortage of capital.

The upshot was that private investors had to agree to defer interest and repayments on their loans, while the Federal and state governments had to extend the duration of their loans, also agree to defer repayments.

Bittsch-Christensen's ships have not only made sufficient profit to pay home with the minimum necessary — sufficient to repay interest and on government loans.

Wage increases and dollar devaluation are partly to blame. It must be said. Earnings in the merchant navy today, some seventy per cent higher than in 1968, for that matter, the dollar worth four Marks. Now it is worth 2.20 Marks.

Half the company's earnings are dollars. The *Hamburg* came in almost exclusively on the US new-running cruises from California to the East at a good 10,000 Marks a time.

This year will be a tough one for *Hamburg*. In addition to the last devaluation there has been a decline in the number of bookings.

Holtzapfel feels two factors to blame. The one is surplus capacity caused by too many liners casting their nets in US waters. The other is Watergate, which has so upset Americans that they are travelling as much as they used to be, at least as far as cruises are concerned.

Yet the *Hamburg* is still a top shipping circles to be the better part of the company's two liners. It is the major passenger vessel to be built in the country since the war and was specifically designed for both liner and cruise services.

Bittsch-Christensen failed to make a particularly important change, though. He planned the *Hamburg* for 600 passengers and 400 crew. Modern cruise ships are designed for 600 passengers to be served by a crew of 200.

"We could certainly find a use for a luxury vessel," Horst Willner notes, "no one in particular in mind, but providing, of course, that it is backed by the necessary organisation and a good ship. Hapag-Lloyd have both."

Deutsche Atlantik Linie's second ship the *Hanseatic*, does not enjoy such a good reputation. It is little more than an old-style liner converted to cruiser.

Bittsch-Christensen would be well advised to sell the *Hanseatic* before it is in terms of further plans for the future is rumoured.

Selling the ship would be a good business for the shareholders, since the company is based on depreciation allowances and tax concessions.

Hard-boiled Hamburgers have no solution to offer. Insure her to the limit and burn her to the ground, they say. Unfortunately this is not the advice one can take to heart.

Rolf Diekhoff
(Die Zeit, 22 June 1973)

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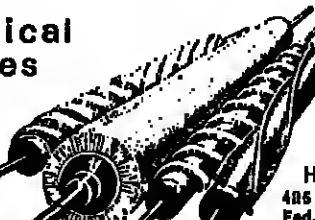
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James Joyce's
only play *Exiles*
staged in Berlin

DIE WELT

Your play is no good for the stage, author Ezra Pound wrote to author James Joyce in 1915. He was referring to *Exiles*, the only play Joyce ever wrote. The manuscript lay in a drawer for four years before it was performed in Munich. But this production had as little success as a later production in New York and the latest attempt to put on the play in Berlin.

This remarkably complicated psychological drama had not been seen on stage for many decades before Herald Pinter produced it in London three years ago. As a psychological dramatist himself, Pinter was able to strike the right note.

But the essence of the play was not brought out in Will Schnitzel's Berlin production. The longer the play lasted, the less convincing it became. The stage design, also Schnitzel's responsibility, set the mood well, however.

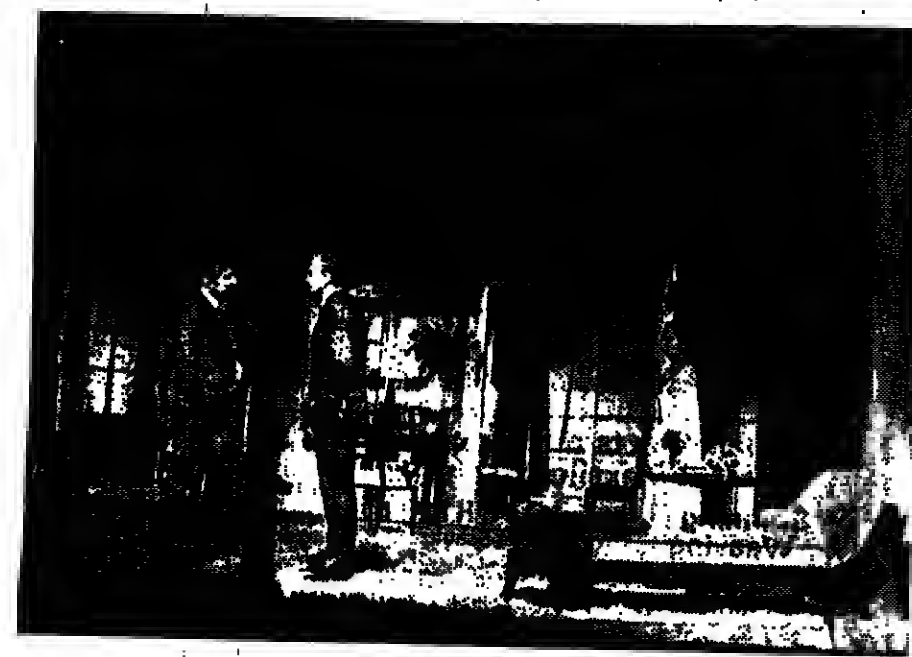
Joyce's *Exiles*, written between 1913 and 1915, is largely autobiographical. Richard Brown, a writer, and his mistress Berta can easily be recognised as Joyce and his lover Nora Banane. In the play, as in real life, the woman accompanies her lover into exile. The only difference is that Joyce anticipated in his play a return to Dublin, a journey Joyce himself never made.

The homecoming is bitter. Rowan has been chosen to take over a chair in Romance literature. His best friend, journalist Robert Hand, plans to support him but he pays more attention to Berta, whom he wishes to add to his list of conquests.

The fourth in this game of mixed doubles is Beatrice, a piano teacher who once had a liaison with Robert but now loves Richard. This is enough to arouse pangs of jealousy in Berta.

As far as the basic situation is concerned, there should be plenty of material for dramatic conflict. But the play is spoilt for the stage by its analytical elements, its almost neurotic attempt to analyse the contradictory facets of the psyche right down to the smallest detail.

Nothing concrete ever happens. *Exiles* is a play of ideas which plays with possibilities and expends itself in

A scene from the production of James Joyce's *Exiles* in Berlin

(Photos: The Uthra)

self-tormenting dialogues. On top of this, the intricate thought processes James Joyce puts into Richard Rowan's mouth have no dramatic effect. The stream of consciousness, the rapidly changing embellishments of the soul and the reflexion of this on the other can hardly be represented in dramatic form.

The play always cries out for comparison with Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* But the flesh and blood of Albee's dramas is replaced in *Exiles* by a state of paralysed inhibition. The characters are too concerned with themselves to undertake any independent action.

Anyone remembering Edith Schellow in the Albee production staged in the same Schlosspark Theater will realise that he does not succeed as Richard Rowan, that he falsely tries to interpret the sarcasm of this role with occasional Mephistophelian foot-scrapping.

Luigiard Im is unfortunately miscast as Berta. An actress with her charisma of intelligence can hardly be convincing in a role demanding complete femininity and maternity.

Berta, whose name conceals the word "earth" as the skilful translator Klaus Reichert points out, demands less intelligence and more simple existence. Luigiard Im would have been better as Beatrice, though Christa Rosenbach played this role adequately.

The only figure cast and performed correctly was Robert Hand. Rolf Schütt had the sensual, concealed and daredevil temperament demanded by the role and was able to give the play some colour. The final curtain was greeted with some applause and a little booing.

Lucie Schiller
(Die Welt, 14 June 1973)A scene from Palitzsch's production of Lessing's *Emilia Galotti*

(Photo: Günter Engler)

Palitzsch's production
of Lessing's *Emilia Galotti*
proves weak

Röln Stadt-Anzeiger

Lessing's *Emilia Galotti* is the first Classical play Peter Palitzsch has produced at the Frankfurt Schauspielhaus. With his bright, clear almost comic production of the tragedy Palitzsch had continued the trend begun by Hans Neuenfels with his version of Ibsen's *Hedda Gabler* and *Nora* — the depiction of women's almost hopeless position in a bourgeois society governed by conventions, virtue and male privilege.

The dramatic idea behind these interpretations of old plays is similar to that in Cologne. The past is spotlighted and the roots of conditions today are traced.

Perhaps it was no more than a coincidence that the stage design for *Emilia Galotti* was reminiscent of that of Neuenfels' production of *Nora*. The broad window in the background of the earlier production was replaced during the scenes at Dosalo Palace by a large double-door. Palitzsch also seems to have been stimulated by Neuenfels' choreography. Hildegard Schmal in the role of Countess Orsina, Prince of Guastalla's abandoned mistress, sweeps across stage as though she were part of a Neuenfels production.

To this extent the production suggests links that could form a theatrical style. But Palitzsch also had to compete with Fritz Kortner's production of *Emilia Galotti* at Vienna in 1970 which came to Germany shortly after his death. The comparison does not flatter Palitzsch.

The Palitzsch does now, Kortner's *Emilia Galotti* family's sense of honour which leads them to accept an ideology preferring virtuous death to dishonour, even though Emilia willingly allowed herself to be seduced.

But where Kortner allows Lessing's drama to remain effective as a play that has been lived and felt Palitzsch's production seems to be stifled and contrived, despite its excellent arrangement and appropriate conception.

An eighteenth-century bourgeois like Ernst Jacob's Father Galotti cannot be explained by turning him into a caricature. The negative view taken of the inhibited petty bourgeois does not excuse Marinelli, the string-puller who wishes to help the Prince conquer Emilia with all the murderous means at his disposal. In this production Chamberlain's

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A master of ballet
- John Cranko

Stuttgart Ballet Ensemble's triumph in New York, the international ballet capital, was the last straw. John Cranko was able to chalk up his return flight across the Atlantic to heart trouble and an emergency landing in Dublin came too late to save his life.

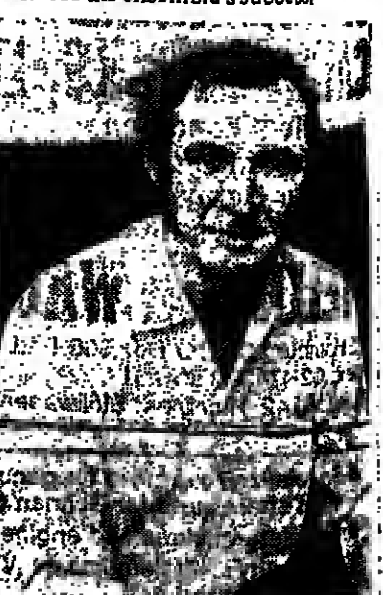
Cranko was born in Rutenburg, South Africa, in 1927. After his first studies in Cape Town he went to Sadler's Wells School in London in 1947, leaving a year later to devote himself completely to choreography. He was just twenty.

In 1961 the Württembergische Staatstheater in Stuttgart appointed him the director of ballet. It did not take him long to help the ensemble rise above its position as just another German ballet company and attain an international reputation.

The ensemble has toured the world since Cranko took over. It has been a regular guest in New York since 1966, made its first trip to Leningrad and Moscow in 1972. Its tours have brought the greatest recognition to Cranko's work.

Cranko, an ideal director of ballet, more than a choreographic genius, has on occasional minor storms, there is a good working climate at the Stuttgart Ballet. There was genuine team spirit, an ungrudging camaraderie that is rare in ballet circles.

It was only by creating this atmosphere that Cranko was able to achieve the meteoric rise of the Stuttgart Ballet ensemble. Cranko was able to interest the cultural bureaucracy and the Stuttgart theatre directorate in his work, thus providing another important basis for the ensemble's success.



John Cranko

(Photo: Hannoversche Allgemeine)

Cranko attracted the public's attention with popular full-length ballets, not the established classics like *Swan Lake* or *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Carmen*.

These works provided the basis for Cranko's talents in the dramatic choreography — ballet as a wake-of-drama. Cranko's ballets were never boring, anaemic or stale. They were always full of energy, the abundance of movement was present in the music.

The grief surrounding Cranko's death was the only disaster that affected the Stuttgart Ballet. The ensemble would have been more than ready to accept the challenge of the Prince's brutal just for her.

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THE ART WORLD

Exhibition of political
posters in Essen

Success with the public could come to this exhibition at the Deutsches Museum in Essen without doubt, for it is filled with brightly coloured posters for the eye and many outstanding individual achievements. About 2,500 posters from 42 countries are on show.

The series begins with Lyons' series of posters dedicated to Napoleon I and sketches from there to the mocking poster on President's candidate Richard Milhous Nixon: "He kept our boys out of Vietnam."

However, the didactic possibilities of such a broad-ranging presentation of political posters was unfortunately for the most part thrown away. The material is laid out according to countries and chronologically, but the visitor is given little guidance to what it is all about. He is left largely to his own devices.

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Ben Shan's anti-H-bomb poster done in 1960
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Stalin is played by Werner Schwuchow and are bewitched court official.

The conception behind the production is convincing but Palitzsch ignores the total consistency contained in the play. When Odoardo stabs Emilia at the end after many diversions and artificial delays this is depicted as more of an accident than the gruesome outcome of a moral decline exaggerated to inhuman proportions.

But the production is important as it shows the usual smooth Classical line. One interesting feature is that the roles are acted by more or less young people. Tanja von Oertzen as Emilia is completely obvious: what becomes of the Prince's brutal just for her.

Rainer Hartmann
(Köln: Stadt-Anzeiger, 24 June 1973)

Canalotto painting of Warsaw in 1776

Kiel's tribute to Warsaw - a city
with a sense of history

Demands of various generations have changed the face of our cities. Once unmistakable silhouettes disappeared during the last war to be replaced by an anonymous architecture that was the silhouette of the profit motive.

To live in such cities it is essential to keep repeating to oneself the name of the place — otherwise one might forget completely where one was.

A dozen of the best old cityscapes are on show at present in the Kiel Kunsthalle as part of the Kiel Regatta week. Twelve of the famous Warsaw *Uchta* by Bernardo Bellotto (born 1720 in Venice, died 1780 in Warsaw), a pupil of Canaletto, are on exhibition. These are twelve milestones in European *Pedra* painting. And they are twelve views that modernity has not passed and shrugged its shoulders at.

The series begins with the panoramic view of Warsaw from the suburb of Praga over the Vistula (1770). We see the city on the river stretching to the horizon, a miracle of architecture and nature. There is a massive spiral of cloud in the evening sky with the facades lit up from the horizon. Below we see the peacefully

flowing stream with its reflective upper surface reproducing the beauty of the city. This panorama gives way to pictures showing individual streets, squares, churches and palaces. Not only do we see the detailed reproduction of architectural memorials, but also the pulsing picture of a living city. The squares, streets, promenades grow under the weight of coaches, the facades echo the clatter of galloping hobses. This is Warsaw, 1770.

The fact that Warsaw, 200 years later, still appears in all its old splendour is a twentieth-century phenomenon and something that boggles the mind. In West Germany an object lesson, Warsaw was completely destroyed in the war. It was not just a victim of the war, it was a victim of the war.

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Abel Faivre's *On les aura* painted in 1918
(Kiel: Kunsthalle, 24 June 1973)

■ EDUCATION

Educationalists study the importance of toys

Toys must not be looked upon by educationalists as a peripheral problem discussed at most by kindergarten attendants and socio-educationalists. Far more importance must be attached to this subject wherever there are children.

Gießen University's Educational Science Seminar and Educational Research Department conducted a survey with these aspects in mind. Psychologist Hoin Retter recently published the preliminary results in the periodical *Die Grundschule*.

Retter claims that it is basically wrong for parents to give their children toys mainly at Christmas and not at other times of the year when there might be an

educational need for them. He described this as a distressing state of affairs for education. Parents ought to be given more information about the importance of toys.

Retter also found that there were relatively few toys which could be described as typical girls' playthings though many toys were preferred by boys. This too is an unsatisfactory state of affairs and girls are plainly at a disadvantage.

The survey conducted by Gießen University thought it even more serious that the three sorts of toys used by girls more often than by boys (out of a total of 39) were dolls, toy household articles and toy shops.

In an age when women too are expected to go out and work they force girls to practise the traditional roles of the woman as a housewife and mother at an early stage in their life. Their influence is therefore extremely effective.

Retter opposes this practice: "We have reason to believe the claim that women lack technical ability is not made any the more credible by the fact that the majority of women in our society agree with this view. The polytechnical training given to girls in the German Democratic Republic provides sufficient evidence of the dubiousness of any hypothesis based on what is described as the essential nature of women."

"The results of the survey conducted by Gießen University reveal that these attitudes and motivations are already fixed in a pre-school age by the availability of toys and the frequency of their use. This is no fault of the child. It is the parents' attitudes that are to blame."

"Bringing up and educating a girl from the very outset to assume primarily a role as housewife or mother means a restriction in the possibilities of a broadly-based encouragement of talent in the arts and sciences."

"There is no educational justification for the fact, confirmed in our survey, that technical toys, construction kits and kiddy cars are used less frequently by girls than by boys."

Cases of boys owning "typical" girls' toys and playing with dolls are considerably more common than instances of girls possessing model railways, toy pistols or a scooter. But if the cause of sexual equality is to be advanced, progress must begin in the nursery.

In their world of play girls need a range of educational toys that does not determine their future role from the very outset. This will only be achieved if efforts to change parents' attitudes meet with success.

In his survey Retter tried to calculate the frequency of 39 different types of toys and games in children's nurseries. Puzzles and games of patience, party games and modelling substances such as plasticine came way down the list.

There may be some justification for the lack of party games as the survey largely covered children who do not yet attend school. But researchers were surprised by the fact that so few families bought their children puzzle games. Fitting pieces of plastic together into larger units is considered to be of genuine importance for the development of practical intelligence.

The survey finally investigated the interesting question of whether parents in different social classes reacted differently towards their children's toys or play. Once again the lower classes were found to be conservative. They represent the old view that women should only be housewives and mothers.

Parents with no more than an elementary education tend to believe that a girl's interest should be directed to those types of toys relating to her future role as a housewife. This tendency was more pronounced in this group than

among parents who had intermediate or secondary education. Opposition towards changing the traditional role of the boy by letting him play with dolls is generally not widespread but it is more common among parents with an elementary education than those who have obtained their school-leaving certificate.

The researchers also discovered an important factor. Upper-class parents are more intent on their children creating a world of their own in their play than the interference of adults.

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Children belonging to the lower social class on the other hand are more exposed to the direct control of their parents in their play. In other words, children of upper-class nurseries are not dealt with strictly.

(Neue Ruhr Zeitung, 23 July 1973)

Professor predicts graduate glut

Universities and other institutions of further education in the Federal Republic must abandon the traditional one-subject education and introduce career-orientated courses.

The University Information Service in its study on the demand for graduates up to 1991 that if measures of this type are not adopted there could be a surplus of academics in some sectors by 1981.

Professor Hajo Riese, one of the authors of the report, warned of a growing danger that universities will turn out graduates without paying attention to the demands of the labour market.

By 1991 there will not be enough for the vast numbers of graduates in university after studying only one subject. Current trends will lead to a surplus of mathematicians, scientists and graduates.

On the other hand the report says there will still be a perceptible shortage of graduates who have studied medicine or economics.

(Kleiner Nachrichten, 23 July 1973)

Homework guidelines drawn up by Hamburg authorities

school as its educational assistants, the guidelines claim. But understanding for their children's homework must be encouraged.

The amount of time pupils must spend on homework a day is set out in detail. In their first school year pupils should only gradually be acquainted with homework. No time is specified.

Half an hour a day is the maximum for second-year pupils, an hour at most for third and fourth-year pupils and anything up to ninety minutes for fifth and sixth-year pupils.

Pupils in classes seven to ten are expected to do anything up to two hours homework a day. No maximum is specified for senior high-school pupils. Homework and the length of time to be spent on it will continue to be specified from case to case.

One ruling covers all pupils — if lessons have to take place in the afternoon instead of in the morning as is usual practice in this country's schools, teachers will not be allowed to set homework to be handed in the next day. Pupils will not be expected to do homework on Saturdays and Sundays either.

The guidelines issued by the education authority are considered to be the most modern currently existing in this country. They are also being used as a basis for discussion by a working group of the Education Ministers Conference. The school committee which is currently drawing up a number of recommendations for the lower secondary schools (classes five to ten).

One of the most important factors leading up to the publication of the guidelines, apart from the fact that the education authority's recognition of the present system was intolerable, was parents' complaints about the homework which demanded clearly defined specifications and put forward proposals of their own.

The Parents Association and Education and Science Trade Unions have welcomed the new guidelines drawn up by Hamburg's education authority. The Parents Association has also called for homework groups where children who are unable to cope with their schoolwork will be helped by teachers, students and older schoolchildren.

This demand has been backed by the Education and Science Trade Unions which also call on teachers to help their colleagues so that the pupils do not have too much homework heaped upon them.

(Hamburger Allgemeine Nachrichten, 23 July 1973)

■ MEDICINE

Medical history museum opened in Ingolstadt

Münchener Merkur

John Siegmund Hahn, a doctor of philosophy and medicine from Ingolstadt decided in 1745 to publish the second enlarged edition of his medical textbook *The Strength and Effect of Fresh Water on the Human Constitution, especially that of the Sick, when used internally and externally*.

Since then millions of patients have been treated according to the recommendations of such men as Hahn, Vinzenz Priessnitz and Sebastian Kneipp. Baths, compresses and other forms of water cure are today an important part of medical treatment.

Bleeding patients on the other hand has become an extremely uncommon method of treatment after centuries of popularity among doctors. Exaggerated importance was once attached to this method and it was used without moderation. But Professor Hans Goerke, who occupies the Chair for medical history at Munich University as well as heading Grosshadern Hospital, said on visiting the Museum of Medical History in Ingolstadt that it was wrong to imagine that bleeding was completely a thing of the past. One medical equipment firm in Munich alone still sold one thousand apparatuses of this type every year.

Medical history demonstrates the stubbornness with which doctors adhere to

drugs and methods of treatment once their effectiveness has been proved. Visitors to the Medical History Museum will see that this is true.

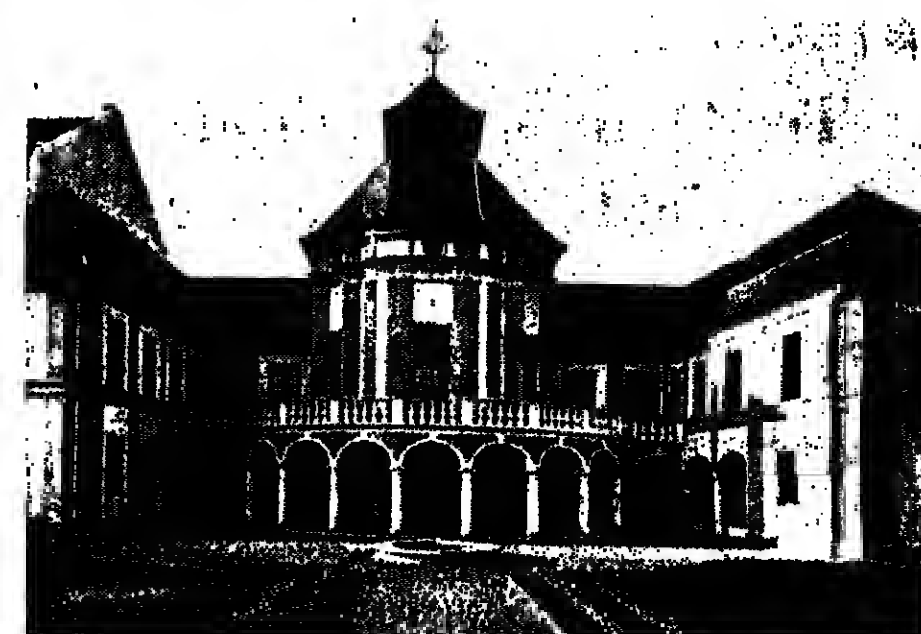
Some of the items used by Aesculapius' pupils in Ancient Rome are almost identical with the equipment used by surgeons today. The medicinal herbs grown in the museum garden are as effective today as they were in the past.

Acupuncture, a favourite method of treatment in the Far East for several centuries, is more topical than ever today — despite the fact that Meyer's Lexicon claimed just fifty years ago that it had been completely abandoned.

The methods which pure scientists contemptuously dub miracle cures and which in their view should form no part of modern medicine will always play a role, even though their effects cannot be repeated arbitrarily in experiments on animals. The Medical History Museum in Ingolstadt illustrates this in an extremely entertaining way while adhering strictly to the findings of research.

Professor Hans Goerke, the head of the Museum, and his staff were confronted with the task of sifting through the vast quantities of material concerned with medical history and selecting those items which provided some idea about the subject in its overall context.

They succeeded and the Federal Republic now has a medical museum. The former medical museum in Berlin disappeared literally overnight in 1946 —



(Photo: Stadtmuseum Ingolstadt)

apart from two jars Goerke was able to save.

The new museum in Ingolstadt, which did not even exist as a glint in the planner's eye three years ago, does not have the atmosphere of a museum and is housed in the noble Baroque edifice of the *Alte Anatomie* built exactly 250 years ago for the medical faculty of what was then Ingolstadt University.

Any museum catering for more people than just the experts must have its curios. There are for instance two examples of doctors' ladies — the anatomically faithful miniatures of the female body used by doctors in China who were forbidden to see or examine naked women. The women would point to the part of the model where they felt pain.

Other curios are the two large chamberpots built of the finest materials

and prettily decorated. Before anyone claims that this has nothing whatever to do with medicine, it must be pointed out that the digestive disorders which still torment people daily used to force both princes and peasants out of bed and on to the chamberpot in the days before the water closet was invented.

Enemas were once an extremely popular form of treatment and some of them appeared in such martial forms as the leather strait-jackets and chains for mental patients that can be seen in the Museum.

Many of the items on show both illustrate the history of medicine and have a story of their own. One of the boilers there was used by Dr Sauerbruch to sterilise the syringe used to give the

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■ MEDIA

Trade unions' publications wield little influence

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Trade union newspapers do not have to heed the instructions of a profit-oriented publisher and yet they are not completely independent. They have a readership totalling millions and yet their influence is relatively minor.

They base their style on that of the popular dailies and illustrated magazines and yet they aim less at supplying entertainment than information. Changing society is their declared aim, but normally they have to reckon with readers who pay more attention to other media.

In the eyes of their critics they form a powerful "opinion incorporated". But from their own ranks are accused of not knowing how to raise their voice loud enough in the world of competitive journalism.

But there are no differences of opinion on one basic point. As Günter Stephan, a member of the Trades Union Confederation (DGB) executive, states, without their newspapers the successes of the trade unions and their steady upward trend would never have been possible.

The trade unions affiliated to the DGB control an impressive publishing empire. Their presses print some fifty different periodicals for members and officials and achieve an average circulation of over thirteen million copies month for month.

Some 2.2 million copies are printed every fortnight of *Metal*, the most lavish and best-produced trade union newspaper. Other trade union newspapers with a high circulation include the *Öff-Magazin* with a circulation of 870,000, *Grundstein* the building-workers trade union journal with a circulation of 550,000 and *Gewerkschaftspost* the chemical-workers trade union newspaper with a circulation of half a million.

But is it not only the sixteen individual trade unions which publish newspapers and periodicals. The DGB itself is also able to put across its views to the public with the periodicals published by the *Bund-Verlag*.

They include the weekly *Welt der Arbeit*, the monthly *Gewerkschaftliche Monatshefte*, *Die Quelle* the periodical for trade union officials, the youth magazine *Jan*, *Der Deutsche Beamte* for civil servants and *Wirtschaft und Wissen* for white-collar workers.

"The Trades Union Confederation and the trades unions affiliated to this organisation have built up an immense press empire remote from critical observation," the recently-folded Springer publication *Dialog* noted.

Closer examination of this press giant run by the trade unions reveals its weaknesses. The trade union publications which cost some thirty million Marks a year have no standardised conception behind them and their influence is disputed, to say the least.

Rainer-Georg Lange, the editor of *Grundstein* believes that his publication with a style based on the popular illustrated magazines is an effective journalistic instrument.

His colleague Klaus-Dieter Zemlin of the *Deutsche Post* claims that the trade union press is on the whole far less effective than is commonly assumed. "The financial investment in them bears no comparison with their success," he comments.

But both sides would find it difficult to

provide evidence for their respective claims. While other publishers are able to judge from the sales of their publication whether or not the editorial approach appeals to readers, the trade union press has no criteria of this sort.

Apart from a number of *Bund-Verlag* publications, all the newspapers and magazines are distributed to members free of charge. As a result few of the trade union editors know for sure how their publications are received by their readership.

They do not know either how many of their members actually read the papers. "We have no list of regular subscribers to guide us," Hanns-Peter Schlobben, a DGB press official, comments.

Renouncing the dilemma they are in, some trade unions have tried to gauge the popular appeal of their publications by means of a survey. The financially powerful Metalworkers Union for instance engaged the Bad Godesberg Institute for Applied Social Science (INFAS) to conduct a reader analysis.

The findings flattered the five-man editorial staff of *Metal* the trade union's publication. As many as 57 per cent of the sample covered claimed that the periodical was good or very good while a further 31 per cent were satisfied by it.

These statistics do not however suggest that trade union publications would be able to maintain themselves on the open market. "Even the greatest optimists look upon these claims with a fair degree of scepticism," radio commentator Horst Berger said many years ago when editor of a trade union publication.

The uncertainty about whether the effort and money put into many of these periodicals are really worth while has resulted in initiatives to end this plurality and concentrate funds on just one representative publication. But all attempts to overcome this diversity and agree on one large-circulation periodical have so far met with failure.

Peter Riemer, the editor of the *Holzarbeiter-Zeitung* dashed the hopes of many trade unionists that an easily readable and at the same time high-quality trade union daily could ever be published when he claimed: "The old dream of making a *Bild-Zeitung* for thinking and critical readers will simply never materialise."

The fact that all attempts to reach any rational degree of concentration have normally met with doom in their early stages is due to both financial and administrative reasons.

"Even if all trade unions were to combine their funds, there would still not be enough money available," Hanns-Peter Schlobben reports. He should know—he was one of the authors of the press report submitted to last year's DGB congress in Berlin.

"Thorough examination of the costs involved reveals that a standard weekly periodical could not be financed out of

the money currently available, even if all the trade unions were to cooperate," the report states.

But even if sufficient money were available any project involving the establishment of a central trade union publication would hardly be able to get off the ground. Most of the sixteen trade unions affiliated to the DGB are not prepared to discontinue their own publications. They either feel obliged to obey their statutes, which guarantee each of their members a free periodical, or they fear that the DGB leadership could become more powerful.

Only the textile workers and restaurant and hotel staffs trade unions followed the DGB's call for greater cooperation and merged their editorial staffs. But this pilot scheme, as DGB-head Heinz Oskar Vetter calls it, has not yet been copied in other sectors.

The variety of the trade union press is revealed in both the large number of publications and in their differing editorial styles. All editors of trade union publications are subject to the general obligation of representing the policies of the executive and executive organs to trade union members but they hold extremely differing views on style, choice of subject and political commitment.

"Trade union newspapers reflect to a large extent the structure and internal constitution of the organisations they represent," Christian Gütz, editor of *Ausblick* comments.

While Herr Lange, the editor of *Grundstein*, is primarily concerned with putting across his bosses' views, Herr Riemer, his colleague on the timber and

described a new type of ray he had discovered. This work brought him the Nobel Prize, the first time it had been awarded to a German.

An Iron lung is also on show. When built 21 years ago it was thought of as a miraculous item of equipment. Today it is not much more than scrap.

Ottmar Katz/PAM
(Münchner Merkur, 25 June 1973)

Ingolstadt's medical history museum

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lying President von Hindenburg his last injection in Neudeck.

Visitors can see the gynaecological instruments, complete with Wittelsbach crown, used by Prince Louis Ferdinand of Bavaria when treating his poor patients in Nymphenburg Palace.

Also on exhibition is a thin volume dating from 1895 when it cost sixty pfennigs, in which a Dr. W. Röntgen

■ SPORT

Kiel Week paves the way for the next Olympics

At this year's Kiel regatta week the Y flag indicating the instruction to don jackets because of the hazards of heavy seas and strong winds, has yet to be flown.

The weather in Kiel Bay has been unimpressive of lazy, high-summer days on inland waterways and lakes. The breeze has been nothing spectacular, but Kiel itself is anything but becalmed.

The Olympics are over and done with but for a few days the Olympic yachting harbour at Schilksee, Kiel, is full of activity again as hosts fight it out on point-to-point courses for Kiel Week wins in thirteen categories.

Whether 23, 24 or 25 countries are taking part is a matter for conjecture, even experts having been puzzled by the nationality symbol KJE, which turned out to be Jersey in the Channel Islands, which has its own yachting association but can hardly be said to represent an independent nation.

On the distant horizon Olympic considerations are once again looming. In 1976 the Olympic regatta will be held off Kingston, Lake Ontario, and there will be two new yacht categories, the 470 yawls and the Tomados, both of which commanded attention at Kiel this year.

Tomados are catamarans, twin-hulled boats that purvey an atmosphere of South Seas romanticism. In favourable weather they are faster than any other lighter category of yacht.

The two-man crew engages in gymnastics on a sort of screen slung between two hulls and at times the one hull is all out of the water, considerably

reducing the brake on speed imposed by friction.

The Soviet yachtsmen, who have not only Kingston in 1976 but also Tallinn, Estonia, in 1980 on their minds, promptly purchased the two Tomados placed at their disposal by this country's yachting association.

Their Tornado yachtsmen, including Pyodor Zhutkov, who sailed in Pineg's gold medal-winning Star in 1960, made a complete mess-up of their first race, as coach Leonar Mitnitski smilingly admitted.

This, however, is a tale that could be told by many ambitious beginners with this unusual boat. This country's best Tornado yachtsmen hail from West Berlin.

The 470 yawls, so called because their length is 4.70 metres, characterise another trend in yachting. While the Tomado heralds a fresh breeze in European yachting in the 470 points to a future in which top-class yachting will no longer be an expensive sport.

The 470, a lightweight two-man yawl with a plastic hull designed by André Cornu of France, is already to be found in 25 countries. Fifteen thousand of them have been sold.

Mass construction makes it inexpensive and the 470 is likely to remain so, the adjudicators having strictly rejected the idea of making any costly alterations to the design.

More than a hundred 470s took part in Kiel Week this year. They were divided into two groups in order to ensure that everyone starts at the same time. The winners of the two groups are to sail



A high wind in the Kiel Bay

(Photo: Werek)

against one another on the final day of the regatta.

This makes apparent the extent to which Kiel Week is a mass event and not a regatta for some imagined elite.

Inexperienced laymen cannot envisage the difficulties faced by the adjudicators on the start and finish boats. In the new categories in particular, where standards still vary considerably, adjudicators have their work cut out keeping tabs on all competitors.

In the 470 class the difference in time between first and last boats in certain races amounted to some two hours.

At last year's Olympic regatta in Kiel two men from this country won bronze medals. Of the two—Willi Kuhlweide and Uli Libor—only Libor was in the lead and heading for victory this year in the Flying Dutchman category.

Willi Kuhlweide, who has switched his allegiance from the Star, which is no longer an Olympic category, to the Soling, was in the lead on the first day but fell back as the breeze stubbornly refused to stiffen.

He then quickly got hold of new lightweight sails for calm weather—a pointer to the extent to which materials now matter.

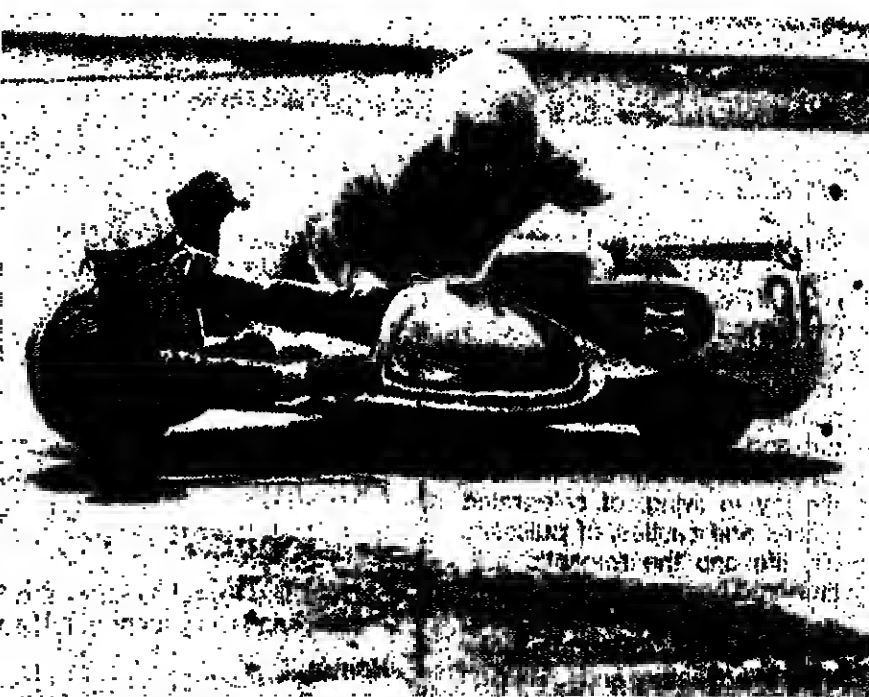
This year Kiel has not been marked by the strain and stress of the Olympics, Kingston and Tallinn still being some time away, although Tallinn had an official delegation on the spot.

Kiel Week 1973 resembled full-scale manoeuvres. More than 700 yawls and yachts competed with future prospects in mind—an age in which yachting might well be a mass

Daniel Aster

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Motorcyclist Enders proposes to retire



Klaus Enders and Rolf Engelhardt have achieved their ambition of outriding all comers for the fifth time this season, winning the sidecar event at the Dutch motorcycle grand prix in Assen. They were also victorious in France, Austria, this country and the Isle of Man thus making sure of the world championship title for the fifth time, having won the title already in 1967, 1968, 1970 and 1972. Never before in the history of motorcycle racing has a team won the sidecar title five times. They thus improved on the previous record, four world championship titles, held by Oliver of Britain and Daubal and Hörner of Germany on BMWs.

(Photo: Schlotter)

provide them with spares and, of course, they regularly win the events for which they enter, "but you can't earn a living from it," the world champion comments.

"At Hockenheim, for instance, we earn a mere 1,400 Marks and the highest prize money of the season, 600 pounds sterling, is won only after the longest and toughest race of the season, the Muxx Tourist Trophy."

"All told a season's motorcycleing costs between 30,000 and 50,000 Marks," Enders continues. "You need only to write off an engine costing between 15,000 and 20,000 Marks or to retire once or twice to make the hobby an expensive one."

Among racers Klaus Enders is rated a safety fanatic. "I only ever ride as fast as the risk can be calculated," he says. "Then the racetrack is a good deal less dangerous than the autobahn. I've never had a serious accident to speak of, the last slipup being in 1970 when Kalauch fell out of the sidecar in Bmo, Czechoslovakia."

Enders' only worry is a technical hitch. "But as far as we can tell nothing can happen, touch wood," he says, grinning wryly.

Before the start of a race every single screw is tightened and kept in place with a piece of wire. Before every practice run and race Enders does all the work and conducts all the checks himself.

Even so, his mother still worries about her only son despite his fifteen years in racing and hopes that his decision to call it a day is final. His father has grown accustomed to the anxiety, his only advice to his son being not to marry as long as he is still in racing.

Hartmut Scherzer

(Kölnischer Stadt-Anzeiger, 27 Juni 1973)